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## Mubarak plans to visit here in July

STEVE RODAN

EGYPTIAN President Hosni Mubarak plans to visit here early next month, several days after PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat arrives in Jericho, Israeli sources said yesterday.

Mubarak will then proceed to Jerusalem, where he will greet Arafat, who will be a guest of the Palestinian Authority, they said.

Mubarak, who will be visiting for the first time as president, has been expected to visit Arafat in Jericho.

PLO sources say Arafat is to arrive in Jericho June 29. Mubarak might meet him on July 2.

One concern of Israeli officials is that Mubarak will ask Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin to allow him to accompany Arafat to Jerusalem.

So far, Rabin, on the advice of his security advisers, has refused to allow Arafat entry to Jerusalem.

Publicly, other senior officials have refused to say whether they will allow Arafat or senior PLO officials to enter Jerusalem. "I don't volunteer answers before these questions appear on the agenda," Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said last night.

Officials say the preparations for the Mubarak trip will be made when Mubarak's political adviser, Osama el-Baz, arrives here Monday for a two-day visit. El-Baz will meet with Israeli leaders and, next Tuesday, will address Tel

Aviv University's Dayan Center for Middle East Studies, before returning to Cairo next Wednesday.

The officials said Mubarak will officially inform Israel of the exact date of his visit only one or two days in advance. "The Egyptians like to come out with these things from out of the blue," a source involved in the visit said. "This way they avoid problems of security."

An Israeli official said Arafat had pressed Arab leaders to accompany him to Jericho. At one point, he had urged Mubarak, Jordan's King Hussein and Morocco's King Hassan to travel with him.

Instead, Mubarak agreed to be the first foreign leader to visit Jericho. The official said government leaders requested that Mubarak first stop in Israel, at least for several hours.

Mubarak has never visited Israel since he became president of Egypt in 1981. He was here in 1979 as vice-president, when he accompanied Anwar Sadat on a visit to Beersheba. Over the years, he has repeatedly pledged he would visit but never committed himself to a date.

The Israeli assessment is that Mubarak will spend several hours in Israel, travel to Jericho, then to Gaza and return to Egypt, all in the same day.

## Soldier killed, three wounded in Hizbullah ambush

Rabin: Attack doesn't mark escalation in zone

DAVID RUDGE

AN IDF soldier was killed and three others wounded when Hizbullah gunmen ambushed an army convoy near the Beaufort Castle in the security zone yesterday afternoon.

ever, say that it's not out of the ordinary in terms of operations that have taken place until now," he said.

Hizbullah claimed responsibility for the attack, saying in a statement issued in Beirut that its fighters had struck at a Zionist patrol, causing as many as 16 casualties.

A news agency report from inside the security zone claimed originally that three IDF soldiers had been killed and three others wounded in the attack. The IDF Spokesman, however, issued an official statement several hours later, saying that one soldier had been killed and three others wounded.

warplanes struck at a Hizbullah base in the Jab'el Raffia region, north of the security zone. Hizbullah issued a statement saying one of its bases in that region had been hit, but denied there had been any casualties.

Reports from Lebanon, however, quoted Lebanese security sources as saying that at least four people were wounded in the IAF attack - the fifth on terrorist targets in Lebanon so far this month.

According to the reports, two jets fired a total of six rockets at the target. The IDF spokesman said the pilots reported direct hits, and that the aircraft returned safely to their bases.

Sgt. Noam Simha, 21, from Kibbutz Rosh Hanikra, was killed.

One of the three wounded soldiers, Cpl. Yossi Roli, 19, of Omer, suffered shrapnel wounds near his left eye, but the eye itself was not hurt. The other two, Sgt. Gil Orenstein, 20, of Kibbutz Nirim and Cpl. Zvi Ben-Haim, 19, of Beit Yitzhak, suffered light shrapnel wounds.

The attack occurred in the Arnon area, overlooked by the Beaufort Castle, the scene of similar ambushes in the past.

Reports from Lebanon said Hizbullah gunmen fired Sagger anti-tank missiles, mortars and machine-gun fire at an IDF supply convoy making its way towards an IDF post in the castle area.

The soldiers dived for cover and began to return fire. Simha, a member of the Nahal Brigade, was killed, and the other three wounded.

All the wounded were evacuated by helicopter to Haifa's Rambam Hospital. Roli is being treated in the hospital's neurosurgery unit, while the other two are in the orthopedic department.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said the incident did not mark an escalation of violence in the region. Rabin told reporters in Jerusalem last night that there had been a relatively routine operation, which, on this occasion, had proved painful.

Meanwhile, Hizbullah leader Hassan Nasrallah told a Shi'ite rally to mark the end of the 10-day Ashura festival, which commemorates the death of Shi'ite leader Ali Hussein, grandson of the prophet Mohammed, that the US was "responsible for Israeli massacres in Lebanon."

He called on the Lebanese government to expel America's ambassador to Beirut, Mark Hambley.



Shimon Peres and Yitzhak Rabin leave a preliminary faction meeting at the Knesset yesterday afternoon. (Stein/Hanari)

## Labor MKs: United we stand, divided we fall

DAN IZENBERG

LABOR MKs last night called for party members to close ranks, before internal problems make it impossible for the party to govern.

After a special faction meeting at the Prime Minister's Office last night, MK Avigdor Kahalani said the atmosphere had been "excellent" and there was no dissension among the MKs.

Rabin presented the government's achievements during the past two years, said Kahalani. MK Eli Goldschmidt said the party had to immediately decide whether Haim Ramon was in or out of the party. So long as there is doubt regarding Ramon's status, the party's public image will suffer, no matter how impressive its achievements, he said.

Labor backbenchers warned that the party would lose the next election unless it puts a stop to the internal anarchy.

The faction meeting was arranged two weeks ago, after Labor hawks complained they were excluded from the decision-making process in the peace negotiations.

Since then, however, relations within the faction and the party have deteriorated on

several other fronts, including the troubled negotiations between Labor and Ram, the refusal of Labor workers council members to obey party orders, the resignation of party comptroller Haim Kinche and last week's statement by MK Avraham Burg calling for a "democratic jihad" to revoke the Direct Election of Prime Ministers Law.

Party relations hit a new low Sunday when central committee members heckled and booed Rabin during a stormy meeting.

"I was shocked to see what we've come to," MK Dalia Itzik told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday. "I don't think Rabin is to blame. It is one thing to criticize the prime minister, but I cannot accept the way the members of the committee spoke to him."

Rafi Elul said there was a breakdown in communications between the prime minister and the MKs.

Earlier in the day, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres called off a meeting with some of his supporters, to stem rumors he was resuming

the fight with Rabin for the party leadership. Peres categorically denied the rumors. He said he canceled the meeting because the party "needs unity and I wanted first of all to demand a display of unity from myself."

Peres told reporters that he said to Rabin: "I don't intend to bring about a Rabin-Peres fight or establish camps."

"The situation is very grave," Peres continued. "The thing I'm most concerned with is peace. I think that in order to achieve peace, we need a unified and serious party. It is a first-class instrument for achieving that aim. Therefore, I will do all I can, so that not only will peace not be harmed, but that those instruments required to achieve peace will also not be harmed."

Orl Orr, who is close to Peres, said he would not participate in any factional gatherings.

Itzik said she was certain Peres did not want to revive his camp. However, she said some party officials who were out of work as a result of Labor's defeat in the Histadrut elections were trying to revive the factionalism so they would have something to do.

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## Knesset okays export zones

THE Knesset last night passed legislation enabling the establishment of Free Export Processing Zones. The bill passed on its third reading by a vote of 18-3.

Officials said the zones, in which entrepreneurs are given various tax benefits and exemptions from certain laws and regulations, would be introduced gradually and in areas designated national priority regions.

## Hofi named Tze'elim-2 trial observer

EVELYN GORDON

THE High Court of Justice yesterday confirmed the choice of former Mossad chief Yitzhak Hofi to represent the bereaved families at the trial of two officers accused of responsibility for the 1992 Tze'elim-2 training accident.

Five soldiers were killed and six wounded in the incident.

The case, which has been halted for almost two weeks due to the families' efforts to gain permission to attend themselves, will resume today in a military court.

Last Friday, the High Court ruled that the families themselves

could not be present, due to the sensitive security nature of the material likely to be presented at the trial.

However, it decided that a representative - acceptable to both the families and the army - could attend on the families' behalf to ensure justice was done, on condition that he not reveal the contents of the proceedings to them.

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sad head, Zvi Zamir, but he declined. Hofi, however, consented.

In addition to being head of the Mossad, Hofi, a reserve major-general has served as OC Northern Command, deputy chief of general staff, managing director of the Israel Electric Corporation, and chairman of Tadiran.

According to the families' lawyer, Eliad Shraga, the families do not know Hofi personally, but trust him to watch over their interests fairly.

## 25 killed in Iran bomb blast

TEHRAN (Reuters) - Iran said yesterday that at least 25 people were killed and 70 injured when a bomb ripped through a prayer hall in the city of Mashhad as Moslem worshippers marked the death of one of their holiest figures.

A caller to the official IRNA news agency claimed responsibility in the name of the Iraq-based opposition Mujahideen Khalq. The group, in a statement in Paris, denied it. Several people had been arrested, IRNA said.

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## TASE plunges by nearly 4%

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

SHARES on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange plunged almost 4% yesterday, reflecting investors' preference to remain on the sidelines.

The Two-Sided Index fell 3.85% to close at 169.99 points, the level of about 20 months ago, while the Maof Index fell 3.79% to 172.21.

Turnover increased to NIS 177m, compared with low turnovers of about NIS 130m. during the last two days.

Capital market analysts blamed the grim market mood on the crisis on European stock exchanges, May's high consumer price index, fears of a rise in interest rates and the previous day's stormy Labor Party central committee meeting.

One analyst said, "The recent market volatility and the last few days' low turnovers are very unhealthy signs. The Labor Party meeting didn't present the government in a good light. It doesn't look good when the prime minister cannot even get decent support from his own party."

During the afternoon virtually all shares fell sharply, including the oil exploration shares which gained in the morning session. Isramco jumped 14.5% in the morning session only to end the day with a loss of 1.5%. Naphta, Passport and Joel fell about 10%.

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## O.J. Simpson pleads not guilty

LOS ANGELES (AP) - O.J. Simpson pleaded innocent yesterday to the slayings of his ex-wife and her friend.

Simpson, a Hall of Fame football player who is also a well-known television sports broadcaster, ad pitchman and movie actor, is charged with two counts of first-degree murder in the slayings of Nicole Brown Simpson, 35, and Ronald Goldman, 25.

Looking somber, Simpson calmly said "not guilty" when asked his plea. A judge set a preliminary hearing for June 30.

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# Peres, Begin engage in verbal duel

FOREIGN Minister Shimon Peres and Likud MK Benny Begin shocked other participants in a Knesset foreign affairs and defense committee meeting yesterday when they got into a ferocious shouting match which committee veterans said was unprecedented.

During the meeting, Peres denied reports that Israel would negotiate with the PLO to determine Jerusalem's boundaries in the next stage of the autonomy talks.

The verbal duel began after Begin accused Peres of duplicity, saying he had lied last August when he told the committee the government was not negotiating with the PLO and recently, when he concealed his letter to the Norwegian foreign minister on eastern Jerusalem.

Begin said the government had raised the possibility of a separate East Jerusalem entity for no good reason, had lied when it said the Cairo Agreement gave the IDF power to stop terrorist activities, and had enabled Palestinian killers to find sanctuary in the autonomy. "This is a government of irresponsibility," concluded Begin.

Peres: I told the committee on August 16 that no minister was involved in negotiations and that the government was not negotiating [with the PLO]. Who do you think you are - the king of truth?

Begin: I did not mislead anyone. Peres: We concluded an agreement that you had committed yourself to. You sat with [Haider Abdel] Shafi, so stop playing innocent. Learn the truth from Arik Sharon. You continue to lie and cause confusion. You were the first government that sat with the PLO. You are very brazen.

Begin: You are misleading [now] as you have in the past. Peres: You resort to terrorism in the plenum and now you want to impose the same terrorism in the committee. To what lengths are you willing to go to deceive?

Begin: Fewer than you. Peres: What kind of arrogance are you displaying here? You are the king of verbiage. I have done more than you and many of your ilk.

Begin: You are the king of deceivers. Peres: You're an all-time genius. Soon you'll say Shafi belonged to Beitar. You're profession is to defame all the time.

Begin: No one has vilified your character more than you. Peres: You have spread blood libels about me all these years.

Begin: I didn't write *Pinkas Sheru* [the Rabin biography which attacked Peres]. Peres: *Pinkas Sheru* doesn't say my mother was an Arab, as you have said.

The exchange left MKs open-mouthed and committee chairman Ori Orr voiceless as he tried to restore order. Ariel Sharon said: "We can't go on like this."

Afterwards, Peres said secret negotiations were accepted practice throughout the world and that the government would continue to resort to it in the future.

He reiterated the government's determination that no autonomy business would be conducted at Orient House, and denied a report published in *Ha'aretz* saying Israel would open up the question of Jerusalem's boundaries in talks with the PLO. "There has been no discussion of municipal boundaries and there also will not be," said Peres.

DAN IZENBERG

## Hussein: Jordan has own agenda

HILLEL KUTTNER  
WASHINGTON

KING Hussein yesterday distanced himself from linkage to Syria in the Middle East peace talks, asserting that Jordan has its own agenda in the region.

At the State Department, Hussein also stated he has "never been afraid of daylight [open]" meetings with Israeli leaders, and that he hoped progress in bilateral talks would enable such meetings "in the very near future."

"Jordan exerts its sovereignty and its right to deal with its problems," Hussein told reporters prior to his State Department meeting with Secretary of State Warren Christopher. "I hope we will make progress on all tracks. But as far as we are concerned, we are going after our own dimension of the problem. We start at the same point, and as our brothers in Syria are negotiating, so are we negotiating as well," Hussein said.

The primary dimensions of the Israeli-Jordanian talks are those "beginning with border demarcations," the king said. Israeli and Jordanian experts will begin to examine Jordanian territorial claims in the Arava when the sides reconvene next month.

The King began three days of meetings here yesterday, seeking American-backed relief of Jordan's massive foreign debt as well as US permission to transfer American arms to third countries. Jordan is hoping to convince the US to apply pressure on the "Paris Club" of European countries that are Amman's creditors.

Christopher predicted progress in Israel-Syria peace negotiations before the end of summer, even though a lack of movement has apparently forced him to delay a trip to the region.

As he posed for pictures with Hussein, he told reporters: "I think there's hope for progress, because the leaders of both countries seem to me to be very serious about the negotiations."



British pop star Peter Dinklage visits the Anata refugee camp outside of Jerusalem yesterday. Dinklage had asked to meet some Palestinians before leaving the country. (Isaac Harari)

## Shaath: Israel violating accord

JON IMMANUEL

PLO Cairo negotiator Nabil Shaath, economic planning director in the Palestinian Authority, returned to Gaza directly from Jericho yesterday afternoon and said he found Israel to be in violation of the Cairo agreement.

Speaking by phone from Gaza on *Popolitika*, the Channel One current affairs program, Shaath said: "I had to wait hours to get to Oujah which is part of the Jericho area. I was prevented from getting to the Allenby Bridge. I've seen how buses were turned back from Jericho. I think there is something wrong with the implementation of the agreement. I know this agreement by heart."

Shaath originally had planned to visit Jerusalem, which he described as "the most beautiful city in the world," but changed his mind when the government told him it would be a security problem. However, he told reporters he hoped to visit in about 10 days after coordinating with the security authorities.

As he was leaving Jericho for Gaza, Israeli troops compelled his private security men to hand over their pistols to accompanying IDF soldiers, as they were not authorized to carry them outside the autonomous area. After first refusing, Shaath agreed after telephoning his negotiating counterpart Maj. Gen. Amnon Shahak.

Shaath also visited Oujah and held further meetings with members of the authority and foreign diplomats, including the French consul based in Jerusalem.

Shaath told reporters the first issue to be discussed with Shahak in their planned agenda-setting talks on the future of the peace process next Monday would be the prisoner issue.

Some 5,000 remaining prisoners have declared a hunger strike in a bid to increase pressure on the PLO to press for their release and demonstrations are planned outside the Jericho police headquarters in the al-Aksa refugee camp.

*An-Nahar*, the pro-Jordan east Jerusalem daily, reported yesterday that the Jericho police media office issued a statement attacking the Israeli Islamic weekly, *Sawt al-Haq*, because of its criticism of the PLO on the prisoner question. However, the statement did not mention the newspaper by name.

Headed "Let the critics shut up," it referred to a newspaper which condemned the PLO for its handling of the prisoners' cause. The statement said the criticism was "cheap," "vulgar" and disrespectful of the PLO leadership.

## Wakf demands that tourism project in eastern Jerusalem be halted

BILL HUTMAN

MOSLEM leaders in Jerusalem have appealed to the PLO and several Arab states to force Israel to halt work on a new tourism project in eastern Jerusalem.

At issue is a multimillion-dollar development plan for the Ophel area and the Kidron Valley, just outside the walls of the Old City and adjacent to the Temple Mount. Work began on the project last week.

The site, which includes some of the most ancient ruins in Jerusalem, is considered holy by Moslems because of its proximity to Moslem holy sites on the Temple Mount. It also includes biblical sites holy to Jews.

"They must stop work unless they want trouble in the city," said Adnan Hussein, Wakf director in Jerusalem and the administered territories.

In a telephone interview yesterday,

day, Hussein said the land being developed was Moslem land that was illegally expropriated.

Moslem leaders in Jerusalem appealed to Orient House, the PLO headquarters in eastern Jerusalem, Jordan and Egypt to force Israel to halt the work.

"The question of Jerusalem is coming up in two years, and Israel must stop developing in east Jerusalem in the meantime," Hussein said.

But the municipality, which is co-sponsoring the project, has vowed to continue work.

The first stage includes a scenic overlook on the Ophel Road, above the Kidron Valley. Later, a promenade is to be built along the road and through the valley itself.

The municipal spokesman noted that the project was being partially funded by the government, which

was involved in every stage of planning and implementation.

The project received the necessary approval from the city and district planning committees, which rejected the Wakf's claims to the land, the spokesman said.

The site is a major tourist attraction, but in its present condition - there is a high cliff at the site without a guard rail - it poses a danger that must be attended to, the spokesman added.

Work was halted Sunday, but not because of the Wakf's opposition, according to source close to the project. Rather, the bulldozers were stopped after Jewish graves were uncovered, the source said.

Construction will be resumed once the graves are removed, the source added.

In the meantime, Wakf and city officials have been meeting to see if a compromise can be reached on the project.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### One dead, four injured in accident

One man was killed and four men seriously injured, including an Egyptian tourist, in a road accident yesterday afternoon at the Lahavim junction in the Negev.

The accident occurred when the driver of a pickup truck lost control and went into the opposite lane, slamming into a car. The dead man, Shada Katatni, 28, was a passenger in the car.

The injured were taken to Soroka Hospital in Beersheba. Amir Rozenblit

### Netanyahu: Fight for Jerusalem

The Jewish people have to prepare to fight for Jerusalem, Likud chairman Binyamin Netanyahu told delegates to the Zionist General Council, meeting at the Jerusalem International Convention Center (Binyanei Ha'uma) yesterday.

Netanyahu called on the delegates and the Jews of their communities to rally round Jerusalem.

Netanyahu said that when talking with Arab leaders abroad, it emerged that since their defeat in the Yom Kippur War they recognized Israel could not be wiped off the map. The government ignored the national consensus by reaching agreement with the PLO, Netanyahu said, when it would have been possible to make peace with the Arabs without territorial compromise.

### Hungarian general here to mark Holocaust

An official of the Hungarian government is attending ceremonies here to mark the 50th anniversary of the annihilation of Hungarian Jewry and the rescue operations carried out by the Zionist youth movements' underground.

Gen. Robert Pick, military adviser to Hungarian President Goncz Arpad, was in the audience last night when Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin addressed a gathering to mark the anniversary. Arpad was a member of the anti-Nazi underground in Hungary and Pick will attend the conference of Jewish and Zionist partisans to take place in Shefayim tomorrow.

### TV: Keren Hayesod meet in Morocco

Morocco has been chosen as the site for the next meeting of world leaders of Keren Hayesod, Channel One reported last night. Keren Hayesod chairman Shlomo Hillel is currently in Morocco to make arrangements for the meeting, the report added. Morocco was reportedly chosen because of its contribution to the Israel-Arab peace process.

### Job found for poet living in poverty

Poet David Avidan, who was found living in poverty, ill-health and disarray by an Israel Television news team that came to interview him Sunday night will be hired by the Culture Authority's Poet-Teacher program. Science and Arts Minister Shulamit Aloni told TTV last night.

The program pays poets to tour the country's high schools for a few hours a week to discuss their work. Avidan was filmed in a state of collapse and taken to hospital for treatment. He is a prize-winning poet much respected by the arts community, and his work is part of the school curriculum.

## Israel, US each to give \$15m. for joint high-tech ventures

HILLEL KUTTNER

WASHINGTON

ISRAEL and the US will each contribute \$15 million over the next three years to fund joint high-tech projects, Industry and Trade Minister Micha Harish and US Commerce Secretary Ron Brown announced here yesterday.

The purpose of the seed money, Harish told Israeli reporters, is "to bring industries on both sides to complete joint ventures so as to ultimately get the private sector involved."

The announcement came following yesterday's periodic meeting of the US-Israel Science and Technology Commission, a forum founded last year at the initiative

of President Bill Clinton. The group is scheduled to convene again in Israel in September. Israel and American industrialists and government officials identified three fields in which they will begin work immediately: biotechnology - including expanding fish reserves and drawing sea minerals - telecommunications, and drug development.

Harish said he expected Israel to contribute substantially to the American-led telecommunications superhighway through the commission, saying "this is what we will exploit - that's the point of the whole commission."

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## MK Tarif blames Rubinstein for low level of Druse schools

LABOR MK Sallah Tarif yesterday accused Education Minister Amnon Rubinstein of politicizing the Druse educational system, saying this prevented improving the communities' schools.

Speaking at a news conference in Haifa with Druse educators, Tarif said he would launch an "intifada" against Rubinstein and the ministry, to bring about changes in the Druse educational system.

"For years, the ministry has been committing a crime against the Druse community... this has continued under Rubinstein, and even gotten worse," he said.

He noted that a committee had been set up in the late 1980s to examine ways to improve the Druse educational system. However, Tarif charged that the government was preventing the implementation of the recommendations, because it had removed an educator, Salman Salah, from the responsibility of implementing the plan, and appointed an elderly man known as a Meretz supporter instead. Tarif said the man was chosen over an

IDF major-general who had experience teaching in Druse schools. "Political appointments in the

### Druse loyalty goes unmarked

ONLY 8 percent of Jewish youth and 16% of adults know that Druse are loyal to the state, according to a Dahaf poll presented by MK Sallah Tarif during a Haifa news conference yesterday.

However, 52% of the adults said they knew Druse served in the army, while 46% of youths noted this fact.

Tarif said that as a result of the poll he would ask Education Minister Amnon Rubinstein to include material on Druse in citizenship studies and in matriculation exams.

The poll, conducted a month ago, surveyed 500 youths and 500 adults who are not new immigrants. (Iim)

educational system have harmed the Druse community," said Tarif. He noted that in 1992/3 the number of Druse pupils who received a matriculation certificate was only 28 percent, a drop from 41% in 1989. Only 1.5% of Druse with the certificates attend university, he added.

He also said the situation had deteriorated since Shulamit Aloni left the post of education minister. Tarif said he would raise the issue in the Knesset education committee this week.

Rubinstein rejected Tarif's "regrettable" claims outright, saying that the position Tarif was referring to had never been filled. Rubinstein also noted that the number of Druse receiving matriculation certificates has steadily increased since 1989.

Moreover, a ministry spokesman said, the minister has been personally opposed to political involvement in the educational system. A ministry committee, he said, and not the minister, is responsible for making appointments. (Iim)



Transport Minister Israel Kessar (left) and Maj.-Gen. Danny Rothschild, government coordinator of the territories, on the Allenby Bridge yesterday. Kessar said he expected the travellers' terminal there to be as nice as the one at Ben-Gurion Airport. (Brian Hendler)

## Israel to okay Jordanian overflights

HAIM SHAPIRO

JORDAN has requested the right to overfly Israeli air space and Israel is going to grant the request. Transport Minister Yisrael Kessar said yesterday.

Speaking at the Allenby Bridge during a tour of facilities for incoming travelers, Kessar said Jordan wished to fly through Israeli air space on its flights to and from Europe. This would considerably shorten the flying time for passengers to and from Amman, he said.

"Naturally we expect this to be on a reciprocal basis," he said. Kessar denied a report attributed to PLO officials abroad saying that the Palestinians had applied to build an airport and Israel had rejected the application. The Pal-

estinians had never made such a request, he said.

Viewing the terminal for incoming visitors, he said the army, which presently administers the terminal, had invested over NIS 30 million to renovate the facility. The Transport Ministry is to take charge of the facility in October. Eventually, Kessar said, he expected the terminal at the Allenby Bridge to be as comfortable as the one at Ben-Gurion Airport.

Like the land border crossings at Rafiah and Taba, the Allenby crossing is to be under the aegis of

reacruacy to the minimum. Last year about 900,000 people passed through the terminal.

"We don't want to cause discomfort," Kessar said.

The Transport Minister viewed the desks at which Palestinian officials are to interview the incoming passengers. Behind the desks are one-way mirrors leading to the rooms in which Israeli officials are to sit, signaling out only those passengers whom they wish to interview.

Asked when the joint activities with the Palestinians would begin, Kessar said that so far the Palestinians had not named their officials who are to direct their activities at the terminal.

## Egged driver forces teenagers in shorts, T-shirt off bus

HERB KEINON

AN Egged bus driver forced two high-school girls off his bus recently because they were immodestly dressed, a mother of one of the girls said yesterday.

Yaffa Motil said that her 17-year-old daughter, Michal, and another girl, tried to get on Egged bus No. 472 in Jerusalem two weeks ago. The bus, a new line that runs between the haredi settlement of Kiryat Sefer and Jerusalem, stops in Beit Horon, where the girls live.

Michal's friend, dressed in a T-shirt and shorts, was told to get off the bus by the driver, who said she was not dressed in a modest fashion. Motil said that her daughter, who was wearing long pants, was told to sit quietly in the back of the bus "so as not to disturb the other people, so they don't pay attention." Motil's daughter also got off the bus.

A few days later, Michal Motil again was told to get off the bus because of an immodest shirt. This time, however, she was prepared, and put on a

more modest shirt that she had brought in her backpack. "There are only a couple of buses that go inside Beit Horon each day," Yaffa Motil said. "She did not want to have to wait hours for the next one."

The bus drivers in both cases were not religious, Motil said, adding she assumes there is an arrangement between Kiryat Sefer and Egged to enforce modest dress on the bus line.

Egged spokesman Dedi Golan denied that the driver was carrying out any official policy.

"There is no policy like this," Golan told Israel Radio. "The driver acted against Egged directives. Egged operates without consideration to religion, race or gender."

Golan said Egged will look into the matter, the driver will be questioned, and, if need be, "he will be punished." "It is possible this was a driver who sympathized with Kiryat Sefer residents, but he acted against Egged directives," Golan said.

## MKs take a hike on a 'school trip'

LIAT COLLINS

KNESSET members took a hike yesterday and ended up in Gush Etzion.

The MKs in question were members of the Knesset education committee, who decided to take a first-hand look at the issue of the safety of school trips in the area.

Led by committee chairman Avraham Burg, the MKs visited the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel's field school, research and raptor center at Har Gilo before traveling to the Herodian archaeological site and Tekoa, a mixed religious/non-religious settlement.

The committee has held several meetings recently on the number of trip cancellations by schools and private hikers concerned for their safety, particularly since the Hebron massacre. SPNI chairman Yossi Leshem told the MKs that the numbers of hikers had dropped by 30 percent although there are no precise figures.

At Herodian, the MKs met tourists from Holland, Austria and Germany but no Israelis.

"The trip is to show that it is not only possible but necessary to get out and about and there is no danger. There is no reason why the tourists should travel here safely while the education and defense establishments make it impossible for our own schoolchildren to get out and see the country," Burg said. The Education Ministry and security authorities do allow school tours in the areas, but demand the children do not leave the buses.

"School trips are part of the very essence of Israeli education and shouldn't be limited. We cannot allow our children to grow up in concrete ghettos behind barbed wire fences," Burg added.

He said the committee would meet in the next few days with the

police inspector-general to discuss the matter.

MK Shaul Yahalom (NRP) called the situation "scandalous." MK Yosef Ba-Gad (Moleket) and MK Assad Assad (Likud) both decried the fact that people prefer to sit at home, and blamed the educational system. Assad, from the Druse village of Beit Jann near Karmiel, said there was also a drop in the number of hikers in Galilee.

The education committee members could not stay out of the classroom for a whole trip. At Tekoa, where religious and non-religious children learn in the same school, they interrupted a Grade 5 biology lesson to ask the pupils about their studies.

"Are the non-religious children treated any differently than the religious children?" Burg asked a surprised 10-year-old.

"No. Why should they be?" was the swift reply.

## Singles in Beersheba caravans demand housing solutions

AMIR ROZENBLIT

SINGLE immigrants living at the country's largest caravan site, Nahal Beka in Beersheba, yesterday demonstrated opposite the Housing Ministry and Absorption Ministry regional offices to protest poor living conditions and the lack of adequate housing solutions for them.

The immigrants, mostly over 45 years old, held signs critical of government policy reading "Fuad and Tzaban sit with their air conditioners, while we burn in the caravans," and "Three years of lies and promises."

Ida Vizkanov, 56, one of the demonstrators, said: "The Nahal Beka site is in the process of being closed down, and there are only about 400 immigrants left, about 250 of them single people in our situation who are not considered to have housing rights. We are not eligible for public housing because it is intended for young couples, retired immigrants or single-parent families. We and the disabled immigrants have no foreseeable housing solution."

"The place is suffering from neglect," she added. "There are robberies, and drug addicts. We have been living in unacceptable conditions for the past three years in the caravans, where it reaches 40° Celsius. We see no future here and want to leave immediately."

Dr. Dov Auerbach, director of the Absorption Ministry's district office, said yesterday: "We are sympathetic, but we do not make policy, we just implement it. Criteria for receiving an apartment are set by members of the 'immigration cabinet' and approved by the government. Unfortunately, we cannot provide a solution for these immigrants, but the ministry is pressing those who set policy to increase the rental subsidy provided to single immigrants, as compared to that given to other immigrants," he said.

Housing and Construction Ministry spokesman Amit Dovkin said 60 percent of those living at the Nahal Beka site had already been moved out, which he said was an accomplishment in itself, and that everything possible was being done to find housing solutions for those still at the site.

## Earth Watch for Eilat

VOLUNTEERS from Earth Watch arrived in Eilat yesterday to carry out a monitoring project of the coral reef and environs. They are guests of the Nature Reserves Authority, which has signed a long-term research agreement with the Boston-based group.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Masorti assembly elects woman president

The Israel branch of the Conservative movement's Rabbinical Assembly yesterday elected a woman rabbi as its president, in what members of the group said was the first instance of a woman being elected to head a rabbinical organization.

The new head of the Israel region of the Rabbinical Assembly is Gilah Dror, who was born in Israel but was eventually ordained at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York. At the time of her ordination, the Seminary of Judaic Studies, the Masorti (Conservative) movement's rabbinical school in Israel, would not ordain women as rabbis. Dror is rabbi of the Congregation Eshel Avraham in Beersheba.

### Villager held in 'intruder's death'

A homeowner who killed an intruder at his home in a Beduin village near Tiberias on Sunday night has been arrested by police on suspicion of murder. The suspect, a resident of Hamam village, told police he had been at his home when somebody broke into the premises.

The man told police that he fought with the burglar, also a Hamam resident, and stabbed him with a kitchen knife during the struggle.

The burglar was taken to hospital but died of his wounds. Police said they had arrested the householder and were investigating his version of the events on suspicion of murder.

**Levengers arrested for striking policeman**  
Hebron resident Miriam Levinger, the wife of Rabbi Moshe Levinger, and their daughter, Yifat Sharbif, also of Hebron, were arrested yesterday near the Machpela Cave for insulting and striking a police officer. The two women were released later in the day.

According to Judea District Police Cmdr. Effi Ardetti, Sharbif insulted a police officer last week. When they tried to question her about this incident yesterday, her mother intervened and struck a policeman.

Residents of the settlement in Hebron claimed the police hit Sharbif, and took away the baby she was holding to bring Sharbif into custody. Ardetti denied this.

### Ruling delayed on Meshulam's request for special food

RAINE MARCUS

THE Tel Aviv District Court postponed ruling on a request by Uzi Meshulam to receive special kosher food in prison prepared by his family.

At yesterday's hearing, before Judge Arye Even-Ari, Meshulam also requested yesterday that 11 of his followers, currently being held in the Abu Kabir lock-up, should be allowed to join him in Sharon Prison.

He also claimed he is not receiving suitable medical treatment in prison, and asked the court to permit him to undergo daily physiotherapy.

Meshulam and around 100 armed followers holed themselves up in his Yehud home in late March and remained there for six weeks, and demanding an inquiry commission into what they called the "sale of Yemenite children" 40 years ago. Some 20 of them have been charged with shooting in an occupied area, grievous bodily harm, illegal possession of weapons and other charges.

Meshulam and his followers have constantly interrupted court hearings with cries of "Nazis" and other derogatory remarks to the judge and police.

During his hearing yesterday, Meshulam announced, "I am not a criminal - the real criminals are outside, including the media, who are not writing about the theft of Yemenite children."

He also said he did not want to be released from custody, "even if authorities insist on my release."

The prosecution said that he had an doctor's appointment scheduled for next week, but Meshulam's lawyer, Dror Makrin, argued that if someone had a toothache he would have to see a dentist immediately.

Even-Ari ordered Prisons Service doctors to examine Meshulam and present him with the results within 10 days. Meshulam may pay for treatment by a specialist, if he requires it, Even-Ari said.

Regarding kosher food, the district attorney's representative said that preparation of such meals by his family may present security and sanitation problems. Authorities would be forced to inspect all food parcels arriving for Meshulam both for security and health reasons. Even followers of the Samar rebbe have not asked for special food in prison, the attorney said.

"There are also no grounds for requesting the transfer of Meshulam's followers," she said representative. "They have not asked to be moved to Sharon Prison."

Meshulam is sharing a cell in the jail's Leshem wing with Rabbi Avraham Toledano, the former Kach member who was recently imprisoned for two years for smuggling weapons from the US. Baruch Marzel is also in the wing, which is designated for religious inmates.

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## No pardon plans for convicted murderers

BATSHEVA TSUR

PRESIDENT Ezer Weizman has no intention, for the time being, of granting requests to pardon persons sentenced for murder.

"I have been thinking about the [issue of pardons] for nine months. I shall continue to consider it but I have no intention right now of granting pardons," Weizman said following a special debate of the Knesset law committee on the subject at Beit Hanassi.

"These people have been sentenced to life imprisonment and they can sit a little longer," Weizman added.

There are currently 380 persons serving life sentences and some 200 requests for presidential pardons are awaiting review. Justice Minister David Liba'i told the committee. According to the Basic Law: The State President, pardons are granted by the head of the state but, because he has immunity, the Justice Minister must recommend the pardon in order to bear responsibility for the decision before the public.

The meeting at Beit Hanassi was convened after Weizman called for legislative changes regarding the president's prerogative to grant such pardons.

"Why should I automatically give murderers a reprieve?" Weizman asked. "If I am forced to be the authority which makes the decision, perhaps I will decide that the punishment should be increased," Weizman said. "There are cases where I believe a person should serve 30 years. At present,

the average for 'life imprisonment' is 15-20 years."

Weizman said that, in his opinion, the courts should make the decision or, alternately, there could perhaps be an advisory committee.

"The courts have finished their work when sentencing is completed," Liba'i responded. It is possible to set up an advisory committee, he said, but it is not clear to whom it would bear responsibility. He said he would like to consult on this with the president of the Supreme Court.

Liba'i said that the "political reality" made him worried about legislative changes, as these could be an opening for the death penalty to be reinstated. However, he conceded that there should be instances where life imprisonment should not automatically imposed under existing legislation.

"There has never been a public complaint, in all the years, about a presidential pardon," Liba'i said.

Committee chairman Dedi Zucker showed the president a draft amendment to the Penal Code signed by MKs from across the political spectrum to introduce the possibility of an alternate sentence to the current mandatory life imprisonment under mitigating circumstances. He noted that the Supreme Court had more than once proposed that the Knesset review the law to include "mitigating circumstances" in cases of murder.

## The tragedy of an American idol

JOEL ACHENBACH  
WASHINGTON

AT a crowning moment of his life, O.J. Simpson made a vow. He was being inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1985, surrounded by other football greats. No one could doubt that Simpson richly deserved enshrinement; he had been a brilliant, breathtaking, record-breaking runner. But Simpson said to the crowd, "You don't know what it is to walk around here. You wonder do you belong with this group of guys."

"I see [Ray] Nitschke, Lenny Moore, Doug Atkins, Sam Huff and my hero Gale Sayers over there, Dick 'Night Train' Lane... I just want you to know that I will never let you guys down, man."

"I will live up to the honor of being in this Hall and being on your team."

The vow is shattered. O.J. Simpson is now an accused killer, under suicide watch in police custody.

Something went hideously wrong in the life of this American idol. Police say Simpson brutally murdered two people with a knife.

They say he stabbed to death a young man and cut the throat of his ex-wife, mother of his two young children, the ones he would comfort days later at her funeral. Simpson has denied the charges, and his lawyer has pleaded with the public to "reserve judgment" until a court of law decides his fate.

America has been riveted for days by this improbable spectacle, made all the more bizarre by Simpson's mad flight from justice Friday, his defensive and self-justifying suicide note, his astonishing excursion along California freeways with bystanders cheering "Go, O.J., go!" as though they were at a football game, and finally his standoff with police back in his driveway in Brentwood. All of which was captured live and raw by TV crews on the ground and in helicopters, every viewer surely wondering if the tragic saga would end with Simpson shooting himself in front of the nation.

Simpson surrendered. He faces trial and possibly the death penalty if convicted.

Every fan of Simpson will be struggling to understand how this could be. At age 46 he was a man who had rarely stumbled. He had dashed through life, just as he had dashed through his Hertz television-commercials, with flamboyance and grace. He was a role model's role model.

Simpson's colleagues and teammates and friends seem universally to revere him. The word is the same down the line: Great guy. Charming. Friendly. Genuine. Suave. Handsome to the point of beautiful. Adorable. Wonderful on the inside, wonderful on the outside.

But his world has been different from most people's. He lived like he ran, fast. He was always surrounded by famous friends, eager fans, limousines, beautiful women, parties. Whether such things are relevant to this case is unknown. What may be more germane is that Simpson seemed obsessively in love with his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and, according to one friend, turned vengeful in recent weeks when she spurned his attempt at reconciliation.

This is a chilling, scary case. The Simpson story suggests that there are demons in places we had presumed safe. It suggests that anyone can be corrupted, anything can turn hideous. It suggests that we do not really know people — that there are parts of every person that remain hidden, boiling deep below the surface.

In his note, Orenthal James Simpson asked America, "Please think of the real O.J., not this lost person."

The accused murderer signed the note, "Peace and love, O.J.," and inside the "O" he had drawn a smiley face.

As a boy he had rickets. He wore braces on his legs. The other kids in the hard-bitten projects in the Potrero Hill neighborhood of San Francisco made fun of him. When the braces came off, he was left with thin and bowed legs and the neighborhood children called him "pencil-pins."

Simpson was the second of four children. He was raised by his mother, Eunice, who worked the graveyard shift at San Francisco General Hospital. He didn't see much of his father, Jimmie, a bank custodian who separated from his mother when O.J. was five.

"You just don't know what it is to be eight years old and have all your friends think that you have the best mother in the neighborhood," Simpson said in his Hall of Fame speech.

One of his friends in those projects was Al Cowlings. They seemed joined at the hip. They played football together at Galileo High School, and with some other athletes formed a social club called The Superiors. The club threw dances and parties. Simpson was a year ahead of Cowlings in school, but Cowlings followed him everywhere.

Simpson got into San Francisco City College, and Cowlings did a year later. When Simpson transferred to the University of Southern California, Cowlings did too.



O.J. Simpson shown with his ex-wife Nicole and their children, Sidney Brooke and Justin, this past March at the premiere of his new film, 'Naked Gun 33 1/3: The Final Insult.' (Reuters)

Cowlings followed Simpson to the Buffalo Bills and then finally to the San Francisco 49ers, when the great running back was finishing his career on aging legs. It was only natural that it would be Cowlings, the boyhood chum, whom Simpson would run to, and run away with, when the mighty force of the law came crashing down upon him Friday.

As a teenager Simpson got into occasional trouble. He had a C-minus average in school and gangs were always a lure. At age 13 he spent a weekend in a detention center after getting in a fight.

A social worker arranged a visit from San Francisco Giants center fielder Willie Mays, and Simpson later said that helped turn him around.

"I stole — bubble caps and things," Simpson has said. "But as a kid I was more a talker than a doer... Some of the kids I ran around with got hooked on narcotics or crime. If it hadn't been for football, that would have been me. What could I have done? What chance would I have had? I'd have been digging ditches at best."

No big school was interested in young O.J., so he went to San Francisco City College. In two seasons he scored 54 touchdowns.

Once he scored six in a game. He managed to transfer to USC. He told a sportswriter he wanted to go there because it was a football powerhouse and was "a place where I can learn which fork to use for dinner."

Today his cardinal-and-gold jersey, No. 32, is enshrined there in a glass case at Heritage Hall. Simpson ran for 3,423 yards in two seasons at USC, leading the nation both years. He won the 1968 Heisman Trophy, college football's highest individual honor. His victory margin over the second-place player is still the highest in the history of the award. In a highlight video, another Heisman winner from USC, Mike Garrett, describes Simpson as being "the quintessence of running: power, speed, very smart, shrewd and just God-gifted."

Simpson was the first player selected in the 1969 National Football League draft, by the Buffalo Bills. Negotiations with the Bills took so long that he had an endorsement (Chevrolet) three years, \$250,000, and appeared in a television series ("Medical Center") before signing the contract.

His first three seasons were disappointing. Then in 1972, Simpson ran for 1,125 yards, and he followed that with his greatest season, becoming the first runner in NFL history to rush for more than 2,000 yards.

Everything in his life sped up at that point. He got an acting job in "The Towering Inferno." He got another role in "Capricorn One." The poor kid from the projects had become a star of both the gridiron and the silver screen.

Oh yes: He was married. The former Marguerite Whitey once described herself as a casualty of O.J.'s success. She was quoted in the 1976 book *The Superstars* as saying that film and football had taken her husband away from her and their children.

"I have been shoved out of the way, pushed and stepped on by more than one beautiful woman,"

she said. "I admit I'm jealous." Nicole Brown was the homecoming princess at Dana Hills High School in Southern California when she met O.J. Simpson. It was June 1977, and he was a superstar at the height of his career. She was beautiful, and barely 18. She and O.J. began dating immediately, by her own account.

Marguerite Simpson, meanwhile, was pregnant with her third child. She gave birth to Aaren Simpson in September 1977.

The next year O.J. began living with Nicole Brown. Brown has said, Marguerite Simpson filed for divorce in 1979. But before the divorce was final, tragedy struck. That August, Aaren Simpson, 23 months old, died after being found unconscious as Marguerite's home in Brentwood. O.J. Simpson has never talked about it.

Athletes have the terrible fate of getting old before everyone else. At 30 a running back is usually finished. Lose a step and suddenly there is no daylight, only swarms of tacklers.

O.J. Simpson, though, seemed to finesse the transition to the next stage of his life. When he retired in 1981 after 11 seasons and 11,336 rushing yards, he already had his acting career going and he was becoming more famous as the pitchman for Hertz rental cars, dashing through airports on TV screens around the country.

He became a football broadcaster, and in 1984 replaced Howard Cosell on ABC's Monday Night Football, the ultimate star venue for former athletes. When that didn't work out he settled into other broadcasting jobs, most recently as an analyst and sideline reporter for NBC, his smiling face lighting up the screen. He continued to act, and had just finished a TV pilot, "Frogman." In the "Naked Gun" movies he played the clumsy detective who is repeatedly beat up and shot but perseveres despite horrible injuries.

Nicole Brown married O.J. Simpson on Feb. 2, 1985, and their first child, Sydney, was born that October. In 1988 they had a second child, Justin. They lived in a well-staffed mansion in Brentwood, and O.J. bought another home in Laguna Beach, where they'd go in the summer. Hertz paid for annual trips to Hawaii, where Simpson could promote the company. They skied at Vail and Aspen. Each had a Ferrari. Simpson frequently went to New York, and eventually bought a million-dollar condo in Manhattan's Bristol Plaza.

Life was sweet for the man they called Juice.

He gave motivational speeches. He served on corporate boards.

Simpson was everywhere at once, on both coasts, constantly giving interviews, loathe to say no to anyone seeking his time and attention or an autograph. A *Buffalo News* reporter asked him last year why he was so nice.

"Why not?" Simpson said. "It takes more energy to be a pain in the neck. My mother got to me early and said, 'You treat people the way you want to be treated.'"

Simpson himself gave credit to the "PR men" who helped polish his image and train him to be a public figure. "You know, away from the football field there are

guys who are very important," Simpson said during his Hall of Fame induction. "Their job is to take the star and polish him up and make him shine, and I have had the best in my career."

The sports world is full of great athletes with giant and conspicuous feet of clay. Pete Rose was banned from baseball for gambling. Mike Tyson is in prison for rape. Steve Carlton, the great pitcher, gave an antisemitic interview. Magic Johnson, although still hugely popular, has the AIDS virus to show for his admitted promiscuity.

But Juice always remained unstained. A great guy, decent, caring, approachable, fun: To hear people talk about O.J. Simpson is to wonder if there has ever been a more balanced, even-headed celebrity in American history.

And Simpson himself knew how important it was to maintain the right attitude.

"I've seen too many guys get lost in the glamorous world I move in," Simpson told *Parents* magazine. "My family helps me to keep in touch with who I really am."

And yet, somehow, lost he became.

There had been, for anyone probing for such a thing, a sign that all was not perfect with the Simpson universe.

At 3:30 a.m. on Jan. 1, 1989, police raced to the Simpson's Brentwood home after receiving an anonymous 911 call. Nicole ran out of the bushes shouting, "He's going to kill me, he's going to kill me!" Marks on her face indicated she had been beaten.

She said she wanted her husband arrested. She said police had

been there eight times and had never done anything but talk to O.J.

That night he told police it was a "family matter" and drove away in his Bentley. He later pleaded no contest to a battery charge and was sentenced to 120 hours community service, a \$700 fine and ordered to receive psychiatric counseling.

Perhaps it was a moment when firmer moves by the authorities could have headed off disaster. Simpson apparently got special treatment because he was a celebrity. Los Angeles District Attorney Gil Garcetti said Friday.

A city domestic violence attorney later said Nicole Simpson told her that "it was only a matter of time before he killed her."

In his suicide note, Simpson not only denied killing his ex-wife but denied doing anything wrong in the 1989 incident. "I took the heat New Year's 1989 because that's what I was supposed to do. I did not plead 'no contest' for any other reason but to protect our privacy and was advised it would end the press hype."

But it wasn't just press hype. Simpson's friends knew better.

"I'm not making any judgments, but the beatings were real," says friend Calvin Hill.

Nicole and O.J. Simpson divorced in 1992.

O.J. Simpson has since dated a model, Paula Barbieri, who Simpson thought looked just like Julia Roberts. She's two decades younger than he. Simpson noted in an interview with the *Buffalo News* last year that Barbieri is only a year older than his eldest daughter, but he said, "Age is nothing. I never thought about it. I feel the same way I did at 25 but I can't run a football."

He said, "This is the first woman I've been involved with who had a career and has been successful in her own right, which is interesting. It is the first time I had to make concessions to another schedule, which is weird to me."

But O.J. Simpson was not finished with the Nicole Brown Simpson.

Friends have said that O.J. was obsessed with Nicole.

That's the word that has come up repeatedly: Obsessed.

Friends have said he was jealous, and they have told the news media that even after the Simpsons divorced he would watch her, waiting outside her residence to see who was visiting her.

O.J. and Nicole had been seen together a number of times recently. A family friend told the Associated Press that Simpson's attempts to reconcile with his ex-wife had failed. He had become vengeful, the friend said.

"He was telling her girlfriends and her that if he ever caught her with anyone he would kill her," the friend said. "She totally broke it off with him three weeks ago."

In his note, Simpson apparently alludes to the most recent split: "It was tough splitting for a second time, but we both knew it was for the best. Inside, I had no doubt that in the future we would be close friends or more."

It is hard to remember a crime in America so utterly confounding.

Calvin Hill says, "This is a reminder that we all are human. There's still so much we don't know. We'll have to wait 'til the whole thing has its day. Find the real answers about how it happened. It's sad. Very sad."

It remains conceivable that a terrible error has occurred, that events did not play out the way police said they did. But the police say their evidence is written in blood, tissue, stained clothing. They do not have to explain to a jury why O.J. Simpson might have killed the woman he said he loved.

They only have to prove that he did so.

The Washington Post

## 6 held for disrupting archeological dig

DAVID RUDGE

POLICE yesterday arrested six haredim after the second straight day of disruptions at an archeological rescue dig on the outskirts of Migdal Ha'emek.

A group of nearly 50 haredim from the region as well as from Jerusalem, Bnei Brak and Zichron Ya'acov interfered with work on the excavations, claiming that the dig was desecrating an ancient Jewish burial site.

They demanded that the work cease immediately and backed up their call by laying down on the ground and refusing all requests to move.

Police, led by Ha'amakim district commander Uri Estline, carried away the demonstrators, but there were some scuffles and six protesters were arrested on suspicion of attacking police and workers at the dig.

Dr. Zvi Gal, who is heading the excavations on behalf of the Antiquities Authority, charged that on one occasion one of the workers was pushed, and that some damage was caused to equipment.

More than 30 people employed on job creation schemes are work-

ing at the site to uncover as much as possible before the area, between Migdal Ha'emek and the nearby industrial zone, is cleared to make way for a new housing development.

The dig so far has revealed the remains of a settlement from the Roman/Byzantine period, including wine and olive presses, an ancient quarry and underground burial graves.

Gal maintained that the graves had been robbed in antiquity and that there was no evidence that Jews had been buried there.

Northern region police commander Ya'acov Ganot met with representatives from the Antiquities Authority and the Religious Affairs Ministry last night in an effort to restore calm.

It was agreed that the dig would continue, taking into account the sensitivities of haredi groups, and that any bones discovered would be handed over to the Religious Affairs Ministry for burial.

Police said they would continue to maintain a presence at the site to prevent any further disturbances.

## Ministry can't keep up with ever-changing eastern European map

DAVID RUDGE

THE Interior Ministry is apparently encountering difficulties in keeping pace with the political changes in central and eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union.

A Tiberias resident who applied for and received a new passport found that his place of birth had been listed as Yugoslavia.

The man, Leib Goldman, said his former passport had shown his birthplace as being Zagreb and he requested that this be put on his new passport.

He told officials at the Interior Ministry's offices in Tiberias that he wanted to visit his former homeland, but was afraid that the information listing him as a former Yugoslavian resident could land

him in trouble there because of the fighting.

The officials agreed to make a handwritten alteration and list his birthplace as Zagreb, Croatia, at his request, because the computers had not been updated.

Goldman, however, insisted on the details being printed and was asked to pay a further NIS 120 for another new passport to replace the one he had just received.

The Interior Ministry said this was to cover the cost of issuing a new passport.

Officials added that the ministry was updating information in its computers in keeping with the political changes in central and eastern Europe and the former USSR.

## Defense official: Israel is a scientific superpower

ALON PINKAS

ISRAEL is a superpower as far as its scientific research and development potential is concerned, said Uzi Eyalim, the head of MAFAT, the Development, Infrastructure and Means Administration of the Defense Ministry.

Eyalim, in an interview to *Babylon*, the ministry's employee magazine, said that the administration compiles scientific data from sources around the world, and uses the data to formulate plans to meet the operational needs it defines for the various IDF departments.

For example, said Eyalim, MAFAT is now planning a new helmet for infantry soldiers.

"This will be a high-tech futuristic helmet that will provide its user with long range, all-weather vision, along with communications capabilities and a small built-in computer to gather and store information," said Eyalim.

Eyalim added that in the Arab world, Iraq is still the leader in military-related research & development efforts.

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## UN frees civilians trapped in Rwanda

KIGALI (Reuters) - The United Nations evacuated around 350 civilians trapped in Rwanda's civil war yesterday while France pushed its plan for military intervention to end more than two months of massacres.

In another operation fraught with danger, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) transferred 150 badly wounded people, including children screaming in pain, from a shell-hit hospital in the government-held city center.

Witnesses said groups of the extremist Hutu Interahamwe militia milled around outside the Sainte Famille complex, where more than 2,000 convicted Tutsi refugees are hiding, as evacuees were loaded on to trucks.

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## Moslem religious leader killed in Kashmir

SRINAGAR, India (AP) - Gunmen abducted and assassinated a prominent Moslem religious leader in Kashmir and dumped his bullet-ridden body near a mosque early yesterday.

No one claimed responsibility for killing Qazi Nissar, 42, the chief Moslem preacher of south Kashmir.

The government linked the assassination to a rivalry between militant groups fighting for Kashmir's secession from India, some of which support independence while others want a merger with neighboring Pakistan.

The leader of the most powerful militant organization accused government agents of the killing.

More than 100,000 people carried Nissar's body to a Moslem prayer ground in the town of Anantnag, police said.

Reporters said that along with the normal anti-Indian chants, many marchers shouted slogans against Pakistan, which are rarely heard in Kashmir, even among those who support independence for the Moslem-majority territory.

The killing could delay the release of two British tourists who were kidnapped June 6.



Colombian President-elect Ernesto Samper celebrates victory yesterday with his wife, Jacquelin Strauss, and their two sons. (Reuters)

## Samper wins tight Colombian vote

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) - An economist promising capitalism with a human face has convinced Colombians emerging from a long reign of drug terror that he is the man to bring them prosperity in times of peace.

Ernesto Samper, 43, the candidate of the governing Liberal Party, edged former TV newscaster Andres Pastrana in one of the tightest presidential races in Colombia's history, according to Sunday's election returns.

"We have achieved victory,"

Samper told thousands of banner-waving supporters jammed into Bogota's main square. "We have before us a window of opportunity we will take advantage of for the benefit of all."

Samper and Pastrana, a 39-year-old former Bogota mayor and senator who carried the banner for the Conservative Party, were the top finishers in a first-round election May 29, which led to Sunday's runoff.

Both men were victims of Medellin drug cartel violence in the

1980s. Samper was shot 11 times in a 1989 assassination attempt. Pastrana was kidnapped by the drug traffickers in 1988.

But with the Medellin cartel smashed by a government crackdown and inflation at 23 percent, the focus of this election was the state of the economy.

Largely ignored was what Washington regards as a top issue: the threat to Colombia's democracy posed by the Cali cocaine cartel, which helped the government wipe out the rival Medellin gang

and is now the world's main supplier of cocaine.

Law enforcement officials say the Cali gang has used bribery to infiltrate Colombia's government and compromised government officials who accepted cartel money, equipment and intelligence information to fight the Medellin gang.

With 99 percent of ballots counted, Samper led Pastrana 50.37 percent to 48.64 percent, the elections board announced. The remaining .99 percent represented invalid ballots.

## Iran mosque bomb kills 25, wounds 70

NICOSIA (AP) - A bomb exploded in a crowded mausoleum in Iran's holy city of Mashhad yesterday, killing 25 people and wounding 70, the Islamic Republic News Agency said.

Authorities blamed the opposition Mujahadeen Khalq, but the dissident group denied involvement.

President Ali Khamenei urged authorities to bring to justice the "blood-sucking bats" responsible for the attack in the northeastern city.

The state-run Iranian agency, monitored in Cyprus, had first said 70 people were killed and 114 wounded.

But it divulged later that the figure was based only on "eyewitness reports" and it sharply lowered the figures.

It did not elaborate, but when giving the new figures, it said they were announced by "a special representative of the Interior Ministry," which is heading the investigation into the blast.

The agency said the worshippers had gathered in the prayer hall of the mausoleum of the Imam Reza, one of the saints of the Shiite branch of Islam, to observe the Islamic mourning day of Ashura.

That is the anniversary of the 7th-century martyrdom of the sect's most revered saint, Hussein, grandson of the Prophet Mohammed, Islam's founder.

The wounded were rushed to hospitals in the city, 720 kilometers east of Tehran.

Police arrested a number of people in connection with the blast, the agency said. It gave no further details.

State-run television said the

blast was caused by a bomb weighing about five kilos planted at the foot of a column in the mausoleum.

The television broadcast scenes of fallen masonry, shattered glass and pools of blood on the marble floors. Religious notices and inscriptions from the Koran were scorched.

Iranian security sources told the agency that clues they found on the scene pointed to the involvement of the Mujahadeen, the largest Iranian dissident group.

The agency also said it received a call from a man who called himself a spokesman for the Mujahadeen and claimed responsibility for the bombing.

The agency quoted the caller as saying the bombing was to avenge the death of the "martyrs of the June 20 uprising," the date in 1981 when the Mujahadeen began its campaign against the government.

But in a statement issued from its office in France, a Mujahadeen spokesman "strongly condemned" the bombing and said the claim of Mujahadeen involvement was false.

"Such criminal actions, which inflict casualties on innocent people, only serve the interests of the mullahs' regime," the spokesman said.

Khamenei, the Iranian president, said in a statement read on Iranian television that the attack showed the Mujahadeen were "bestial."

He urged the authorities, "in the shortest possible time, to bring to justice those blood-sucking bats."

The government declared today a national day of mourning.

## 'US offers exile to Haiti leaders'

NEW YORK (AP) - The United States is trying to persuade Haiti's top three military leaders to leave that country for a comfortable life in exile, *The New York Times* reported yesterday.

In an effort to avoid an invasion of Haiti, arrangements might be made to pay off Lt. Gen. Raoul Cedras, leader of the ruling junta; Col. Joseph Michel Francois, the police commander; and Gen. Philippe Biamby, the army chief of staff, the *Times* said, citing senior administration officials it did not identify.

President Clinton, asked about the report, said yesterday that "We have always said... that we had no interest in trying to persecute anybody."

"We have a number of options

under consideration. What happens to those who violate the law, I think, depends in part on what the Democratic government decides to do."

"We want to induce the trio to leave, and there are many ways to achieve the goal," an unidentified senior administration official told the *Times* yesterday.

Haiti's "morally repugnant elites" with access to large amounts of cash could pay off the men to leave, one official said. Other officials said the trio could possibly go to France or Spain.

Most of the country's armed forces and military police would then be allowed to avoid punishment if they permitted the return of the Rev. Jean-Bertrand Aristide, the country's ousted president, the paper said.

The officials said that reports from Haiti indicate rising discontent among enlisted men and some senior military officials.

To heighten that discontent, the United States is set to start broadcasting propaganda messages into Haiti in the next few days with a shipborne radio station called Radio Democracy, the newspaper reported.

The messages encourage troops to oust Haiti's rulers and tell them that their futures will be secure if they welcome Aristide back.

The broadcasts will also try to discourage people from fleeing the country by boat unless they can prove a "well-founded fear" of persecution.

## Clinton finds 'hopeful signs' in Carter talks with N. Korea

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Clinton said yesterday that he found "hopeful signs" in former president Jimmy Carter's talks with North Korea, but said the communist regime must freeze its nuclear program as promised.

"We will evaluate words in terms of actions," he told NBC.

Clinton said administration officials are trying to confirm North Korea's willingness to keep its promises to Carter, including freezing its nuclear program, allowing international inspectors to stay and holding an unprecedented summit with South Korean President Kim Young-sam.

"We have to know there has been a change," Clinton said.

The administration has refused to open a third round of talks with North Korea until the country meets Clinton's demands. "We have surely something to gain by talking to North Korea," Clinton said.

Carter, who feared Clinton's push toward sanctions would lead to war, briefed White House officials Sunday on his trip. He declined afterward. "The crisis is over."

But administration officials were much less optimistic. "There may be an opening here," assistant secretary of state Robert Gallucci, the State Department's top official on North Korea, said Sunday.

"There's much that could be there" in North Korea's proposals on ending the crisis, he said. "The issue again is to determine if it is there."

A senior administration official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the White House will continue its campaign for international sanctions while it tries to confirm whether North Korea will keep its promise.

In a sharp difference with Clinton, Carter said North Korea does not fear sanctions because little trade is allowed now.

## Sinn Fein head: No retaliation for shooting

LONDON (Reuters) - Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams said yesterday it was not the IRA's policy to retaliate against Protestants for the weekend attack on a bar in which gunmen killed six people.

"Retaliation attacks ordinary Protestants and can play no part in Republican strategy," Adams told BBC radio.

"I particularly set my head and face against any actions similar to this premeditated sectarian assault on people on the basis that they were just Catholics," he added.

On Saturday, two gunmen from the outlawed Ulster Volunteer Force Protestant guerrilla group opened fire on drinkers watching a

World cup soccer match between the Irish Republic and Italy in a Catholic bar at Loughinisland. Six people were killed.

Adams said the leadership of Sinn Fein, the political wing of the Irish Republican Army (IRA) met on Saturday to discuss its response to the Anglo-Irish plan for peace in Northern Ireland.

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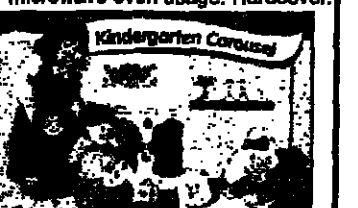


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# Gabriel was no angel

ANALYSIS

HIRSH AGASSI

PETER Gabriel, the British "people's rock star," wanted his first concert before an Israeli audience to be an historic event.

That it was — though not exactly the historic event of his choosing. The fortysomething singer/songwriter and human-rights activist, who is well loved by Israeli audiences, has for years boycotted the country to protest alleged human-rights violations.

The Israeli-PLO peace accord has, however, proven to be "a source of great personal optimism" for Gabriel. Thus, when approached by local promoter Zev Eizik a number of months ago, he finally agreed to perform here, but only on condition that the show be coordinated with one in an Arab country.

And so began the tragicomic story of Gabriel's first pilgrimage to the Holy Land. It is a story that ended well, with a sea of lighter flames waving in Tel Aviv's Hayarkon Park to the stirring sounds of his human rights anthem "Biko."

As the young audience chanted "Bi-kol, Bi-kol" in an insistent call for the encore, surely Gabriel understood their yearning to be considered warriors like himself "who have the courage to fight for peace." But the journey to this moment was a long one. And along the way plenty of bad blood was stirred up and much money lost.

"I'm frustrated!" Gabriel announced at a press conference at the Tel Aviv Hilton on June 15. He had just landed and been informed that his first concert in Taba, Egypt, was probably to be canceled. The trucks that had been sent down to carry stage and concert equipment over the border had been stopped by the Egyptian border police.

The official reason for canceling the international breakthrough concert that Gabriel had planned was, at that point, bureaucratic. Officials on both sides of the Taba fence were apparently called in to iron out the incident. Nothing seemed to work. There was much embarrassment, and blame.

While Gabriel insisted that he wanted to stick to his guns and perform before an Arab audience, perhaps in Jericho (he seemed blissfully unaware that the Palestinians were currently preoccupied with the probable arrival of a bigger star than himself: Yasser Arafat), the press fanned over him, and everyone involved with

the Eizik production wrung their hands in mortification. What a national disgrace to have failed to come up with a big happy peace party as ordered.

Perhaps by the time he left yesterday, a briefing with local representatives of Amnesty International had turned Gabriel into the fact that it was he who should have been held responsible for the chain of events that increased bad feeling between Israel and Egypt.

At the time, however, the local press was still busy blaming the Egyptians or promoter Eizik who had, however unwillingly, only been carrying out Gabriel's grossly insensitive decree.

Perhaps a peace party could have been organized at this time. But surely not in this atmosphere of financial and egocentric political motivation, and not at the request of someone as ignorant as the region as Gabriel.

Israeli promoter Eli Grunfeld, who last month arranged a concert for the Moroccan Jewish singer Sapho, had some illuminating pointers for Gabriel. Sapho's recital from the repertoire of the great Egyptian singer Oum Kalsoum had been ecstatically received by a mixed Israeli and Palestinian audience. But they came because they wanted to, not because some Great White Father had said: "Now children, play nicely."

"The basic problem is that the Egyptians don't want cultural ties with Israel at this time and we should respect that wish," said Grunfeld. "In addition to this, it is important to understand that, for them, a mixed party of young men and women loitering around on the beach, possibly drinking beer, is... decadent."

To this one may add the observation that for a country that has a Third World bureaucracy, the prospect of having to stamp 4,000 passports in one go is an invitation for a nervous breakdown, to say nothing of the final official Egyptian explanation that emerged: that they were afraid they could not ensure security at the concert.

THE IDEA of holding a mixed peace concert in Tabassam was born in Eizik's, but his arm was twisted by Gabriel.

After the whole thing was called off by the Egyptians, the resulting

concert in Eilat on June 18 was an historic event of sorts. Israelis and Egyptians managed to cooperate in turning Gabriel's WOMAD (World of Music and Dance) extravaganza into a neighborhood party for Eilat beach freaks.

Many of the 4,000 present snuck in through the back gate. They also had a pretty good time — Eilat's always have a good time — as they talked through the various World Music acts which Gabriel was trying to cram down their throats.

Lou Reed was well received, as was Gabriel, who gave a world-class, professional performance. But the program was too long. South African reggae singer Lucky Dubbe was excellent, but his act came on after midnight. There were people in the fourth row who slept straight through it.

Noted one Dutch traveler: "This ticket [NIS 119] cost me twice what it would have in the Netherlands. Now how did Gabriel expect Egyptians to come to his peace show when they don't even have money to feed their children?"

The subsequent Hayarkon Park performance, which was arguably the only show that anyone other than Gabriel wanted in the first place, was much better. Eizik (whose credibility has been significantly eroded of late) claims to have sold 20,000 tickets.

Lou Reed would have been touched to hear young Israelis singing "Dirty Boulevard" word for word, though he could have spared them some of his cancer songs which were not exactly rock festival fare. Again, not many people could identify the various World Music acts they were paying for, but Gabriel put on a magnificent set in which, once more, many people sang along, word for word.

There was one especially brilliant moment. People had been afraid the concert would bomb because the police refused to permit the setting up of chairs which had already been paid for. Instead customers were issued foam cushions. As Gabriel sang "This time you've gone too far" from "Digging in the Dirt" someone hurled a foam cushion in the air. Hundreds of cushions soon followed. It was visually and emotionally gorgeous.

Israel is happy to have outgrown its pariah status and gotten back on the big-time concert circuit. But we're still paying too much. And Gabriel's self-righteousness was irritating. But his music was wonderful, and if he lives up to its spirit, perhaps he'll come back again some day and put on a real peace festival.



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"We hope to be ready for such an event in a year or a year-and-a-half," said a spokesman at Orient House, the headquarters of Faisal Hussein, former head of the Palestinian team to the negotiations preceding the Oslo accord. "We do want such cultural cooperation."

# Habimah director going for brogue

HELEN KAYE

DO Riklin had no time to panic. He'd just finished directing *Pains of Youth* at the Beersheva theater, "and before I knew it, I was already in rehearsal for *Dancing at Lughnasa*."

Brian Friel's finely observed and generous play about five sisters living in a small town in Ireland opens tonight (and officially premieres on June 27) in Habimah's Meskin Hall. It's Riklin's first major production for the theater where he was recently appointed an in-house director.

*Lughnasa* tells the story of Kate (Rivka Gur) and her four sisters, whose humdrum, often awkward lives are turned upside down over one summer. Their tale is told by Michael (Gil Frank) through the memories of the seven-year-old he was then.

The intense, 28-year-old Riklin has no fears that *Lughnasa* will be inaccessible to an Israeli audience because "this is a play about people, and you find that the rhythms of everyday life are the same everywhere."

Besides, I think there's an affinity between the Jews and the Irish. Like them, we are a nation which mourns its past. Like Michael, we've all left a home somewhere. The Jewish nation has done that more than anybody.

"This is a play about loss and longing, the disintegration of a family. It asks questions about memory and reality and the gap between them. In this play we have the rare opportunity of knowing what's going to happen."

Riklin, who was born and raised in the Tel Aviv suburb of Sayvonia, likes telling stories. That's what got him into theater at age 14, when he was a student at the Thelma Yellin School of the Arts. "But I was a terrible actor," he says.

So from 1988-90 he studied stage management at London's Central School of Speech and Drama, with the express purpose of returning here to direct.

*LUGHNASA* is the third Friel play which Riklin has directed. Last year, he did *Translations*.

This is a play about language, principally about how it makes a people, and what happens when that language is ripped out of them — as the English forbade the speaking of Irish in Ireland in the latter half of the 19th century. "I'm fascinated by Friel, be-

cause of his command of colloquial language and the way he uses dialogue to tell the story," Riklin says. "His language is sensual. He doesn't use words to talk about ideas. The words are tasty. You enjoy saying them. Friel doesn't need to create a dialect, because the language they speak is what the characters are. Of course, some of that is lost in the translation."

Dan Almagor translated *Lughnasa* for Habimah; Riklin translated the other two Friel plays himself.

Altogether, he's translated 15 plays over the past four years. He enjoys the challenge and excitement of translating.

Riklin has done a lot of research in Ireland. For this show, he pays enthusiastic tribute to Irishwoman Eilish Toltman, "who gave us a lot of background on rural life in Ireland."

"She came to several rehearsals and explained nuances in the text, as well as teaching us the Irish dance the sisters do, and the recipe for soda bread that Maggie [Idit Tepper] makes during the play."

"From the beginning, I asked for authentic props to help the actresses find the life of their characters. They have full costumes for rehearsal too, and that helps. I hate seeing all those new clothes on opening night," Riklin says. "It looks like a bar mitzva. These are working women, who wear these clothes every day of their lives. Wearing them at rehearsal breaks them in a bit."

Riklin has done a number of shows with all-female or predominantly female casts. *Dancing at Lughnasa* is one of three plays premiering in what has been named Women's Month at Habimah.

The others are Wendy Wasserstein's Broadway hit, *The Sisters Rosensweig* and the Chekhov classic *The Three Sisters*.

Riklin likes working with women because "what women do when they are by themselves is a mystery for men, and as a male director I find it fascinating."

"By themselves, women — and men too, come to that — don't have the need to pose, or impress anybody. That makes inhibitions crumble, which is wonderful for a play like *Lughnasa*, in which family connections are so important."

# Karmiel folk-dance festival crystalizes

DANCE

DORA SOWDEN

FOR its Dance Festival 1994, the beautiful city of Karmiel is offering a stupendous program (July 5-7) of folk and professional dance display that should surpass all its previous events.

More than 5,000 folk dancers will converge on Galilee. In the tradition set by the previous festivals, a top-rank ballet company will come from abroad — this time, the Warsaw Opera Ballet.

Three of Israel's most prominent companies will present world premieres: the Kibbutz Contemporary Dance Company, the Israel Ballet and the Bat-Dor Dance Company. Ten Israelis now dancing in Europe will participate in works choreographed by international dance makers.

A special program will trace the development of expressionist dance in Israel from the days of the late Gertrud Kraus. Yonatan Karmon, artistic director of the Karmiel Dance Festival, will choreograph a work for 30 dancers in seven tableaux in the open air at 2

o'clock one morning. He is also creating the opening "spectacular" at the Karmiel amphitheater, in which 1,000 dancers will take part. And for the finale, the program will comprise the 1,200 Israeli dance groups in the choreography of their own instructors.

Of the 20 folk groups from abroad, said Karmon, "seven are very professional" — among them groups from Bulgaria, Romania, the Netherlands and New Zealand.

The Polish company promises to be a dazzler. It will stage a full length *Zorba* based on the story of Zorba the Greek in only one performance (July 6). The choreographer is Lorca Massine, 50, son of the famous Leonide with whom he studied and danced. He also danced and choreographed for the New York City Ballet. He will use

the Theodorakis music.

Four of the Israelis coming from abroad — Talia Paz, Boaz Cohen, Eytan Sivak and Rafael Sadi — are members of the Cullberg Ballet in Sweden, and their solos have been choreographed by the renowned Mats Cullberg. The others are Aryeh Weiner with Philippa Borkingham (Netherlands Dance Theater), Galia Kaler (Nuremberg Ballet), Tamir Kaler (Geneva) and Lior Lev (Stuttgart) — all on July 7 (11 a.m.).

And every day and night the public will be able to watch folk dance in several places and join in, too, if they feel like it.

SHARING a program, the Shagar-Jones duo and three visiting guest-choreographers from Europe at the Baham Theater in Tal-pi, Jerusalem, on June 9, were

improvisational dancers, so that the program was not really miscellaneous. It had form.

Dancer Anat Shagar and musician Jean-Claude Jones put new variations into their well-known style — he extracting moans and shouts from his beautiful double-bass, she finding ways to balance and bend and drawing expressiveness from what looked like a haphazard flow of movements. Her ragamuffin outfit helped.

The three guests had come from Europe to hold workshops as part of a scheme initiated in Arnhem (Holland). They called their work *The Year 2000 Is Not Happening*, and it too often left space bare. They were Carlon Weidemann, currently working in Hanover (Germany) exploring philosophical content, Ursula Ritter Gravit, interested in special structure, and Ursula Raffalt Mawson inclined towards minimalism — all researching issues of space and image, according to their own program notes.

# Electric station proves powerful site for chilling, End-of-the-World epic

THEATER REVIEW

NAOMI DOUDAI

Their latest interpretation of Bond's work reflects a powerful, intensely theatrical combination of savage surrealism and Brechtian irony, in a brilliant exploitation of a hitherto-unheard-of theaterscape.

Milstein, backed by an impressive list of sponsors, has been given brief use of the old Reading Electric Power Station in its rusting but monumental late Bauhaus splendor in which to mount Bond's chilling epic.

Realized with directorial ingenuity and vision, the idea of producing the play there proves a stroke of genius.

In this post-neutron drama of the End of the World and its charred survivors, the hinterland

of great ghoulish turbines, the shadowy skeletons of an industrial wasteland of vats, spectral ladders, menacing chains, spindly multilevel scaffolding, are mercilessly metamorphosed into a graveyard for the future of the human race.

This effect is achieved by highly dramatic lighting, together with mobile set techniques. These compel the audience to follow the actors from level to level, from venue to venue, from perspective to perspective.

Even if the acting is uneven, changing between hysteric and melodramatic, the visual imagery, emotional associations and theatrical impact are electric throughout, as is the music and the make-up of the spectral chorus.

Shlomo Sadan in the leading role gives the one dynamic performance that binds this production to its powerful theme.

# Adams concerto a post-modernist crowd-pleaser

CONCERT ROUNDUP

Uri Eppstein

CONDUCTOR/composer John Adams blew a refreshing breeze through both program and performance at his debut with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra.

The center of the program was his recently written Violin Concerto — its first performance outside the US.

Adams has passed through a do-decaphonic and minimalist phase, but has recently embraced the so called post-modernist trend, returning to harmony, melody and other neoromantic and neoclassical elements.

His concerto is written in the traditional three-movement form. The first superimposes a slow but steadily tempo-gaining violin cantilena over a low-pitched orchestral murmuring, reaching an impressive climax. The second movement consists of a beautiful lyrical melody superimposed over a fixed repetitive, melodic-rhythmic formula. The third movement consists of a wild chase of the violin interpolated by syncopated rhythms and Caribbean jazz episodes.

While not great music, it has style, personality and unmistakable originality. Gideon Kremer, one of the greatest violinists of our time, delivered a brilliant performance.

Mann Auditorium, Tel Aviv, June 13 Benjamin Bar-Am

flute). Almost undiscernible, subtle shadings and nuances, creating significant differences of mood between the songs and even in the course of a single one, were spell-binding from the very start. The bright, smoothly flowing voices, the agility of coloraturas, the abundance of minutely stylized ornamentations and the impeccable intonation testified to voice culture of the highest order.

Jerusalem Theater, June 6 Uri Eppstein

THE FIRST performance of a new local work, Rachel Galim's Concerto for Two Pianos, dedicated to the memory of the pianist Sarah Fuxon-Heyman, was presented in the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra's Open Studio series, conducted by Michael Damiani.

The concerto's first movement consists of successive, violent orchestral and pianistic outbursts, until some badly needed calm, is furnished by the second lyrically inspired movement. Percussion evokes a slightly Middle Eastern atmosphere in the last, again-turbulent movement. The piano playing frequently is seen rather than heard in the orchestral tumult.

Pianists Jonathan Zak and Irena Friedland invested much energy and expressive force. The orchestra achieved a fine tonal balance and accurate intonation in Rossini's *Signor Bruschino* Overture and Schubert's Symphony No. 4.

Jerusalem Theater, June 14

THE CENTER of interest in the recital by 21-year-old cellist Timora Rosler and 22-year-old pianist Shlomi Shev-Tov was George Crumb's Cello Solo Sonata (1955). In this work, Rosler displayed sensitivity and a warm, song-like sound.

In Beethoven's Sonata No. 4 and Brahms's Sonata No. 1, the pianist was in command of the works' necessary energies and proved to be the leading personality of the team. The cellist sounded more cautious, lacking in a sense of excitement and intensity. Missing, above all, was the required degree of maturity, adequate enough for Chopin's *Polska Brillante* but not yet for Brahms's Sonata No. 1.

Israel Museum, June 13 Uri Eppstein

THE SOLO wind instruments of the *Sinfonia Concertante* in E flat major in the Mozart evening of the Rishon LeZion Symphony Orchestra sounded best when the *utti* was silent or played *piano*. Whether this distorted balance was due to the Henry Crown Hall's poor acoustics or to conductor Justus Frantz's lack of control is open to conjecture.

When audible, the woodwinds (Dudu Carmel, Chen Halevi, Mauricio Paez) sounded musically correct, staying indifferent and aloof, though maintaining a reasonably professional level. This is still more than can be said about

hornist Chezy Nir.

The Piano Concerto in C minor, one of Mozart's profoundest works, sounded just easygoing in Frantz's playing and conducting from the piano. The concluding *Haffner* Symphony sounded robust.

Jerusalem Theater, June 5 Uri Eppstein

THE ISRAEL Sinfonietta Beersheba's 1993-94 season ended with a festive international flavor that included two guest artists and ensembles: noted French violinist Pierre Amoyal and the Heinrich-Schütz-Kreis Choir of Germany.

Conductor-music director Uri Mayer exchanged his baton for a viola bow and joined Amoyal in a conductorless performance of Mozart's *Sinfonia Concertante* in E flat Major K.364 for Violin and Viola. The pensive musical repartee between the two soloists in the middle movement-andante was the highlight of their collaboration.

The other major work, Rossini's *Sabai Mater*, is a not so frequently heard religio-operatic masterpiece that places the sacred conception within an Italian vernacular context.

The visiting 50-voice Heinrich Schütz-Kreis Choir came from Berlin with its director, Wolfgang Metkovich, who founded the group in 1964. The performance will be repeated this evening at the Tel Aviv Museum.

Beersheba Conservatory, June 18 Max Stern

THE VERSATILITY of the Tel

Aviv Symphony Orchestra was

apparent as it played in an evening which featured some of this country's leading cantors under the baton of Aharon Harlap.

Two different styles of singing were presented — one which emphasized the words (Haim Adler), the other going for the dramatic (Israel Rand).

Dudu Fisher combined the attributes of a cantor and a musical-theater performer.

Mann Auditorium, Tel Aviv, June 14 Michael Ajzenstadt

# TOWER RECORDS' TOP 15

THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	CHARTS	ARTIST	TITLE
#1	2	4	EYVO HAYELED	DEMONS
#2	1	6	GLIKERIA	LIVE
#3	9	37	BOAZ SHARABI	YOU ARE THE NIGHT TO ME
#4	3	16	MARIAH CAREY	MUSIC BOX
#5	10	2	THE GINGIES	THE GINGIES
#6	11	18	DAVID BROZA	MASSADA
#7	6	5	ZIKNEI TZFAT	COPIATION
#8	7	8	ORIGINALS	NINI AND DORI
#9	8	27	ACHINAM NINI	CROSS OF CHANGES
#10	13	3	ENIGMA 2	VOLUME 3
#11	14	7	TOP POP 1994	CRASH TEST DUMMY'S SHUFFLED HIS FEET
#12	4	2	SHLOMO ARTZI	COMPLETE COLLECTION
#13	12	37	2 UNLIMITED	REAL THINGS
#14	17	2	SONIC YOUTH	EXPERIMENTAL JET SET
#15	15	3		

Tower Records' top-selling albums for the previous week. RE — re-entry

# SUMMER HAPPENING

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## BUSINESS &amp; FINANCE

TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 1994

## Weak bonds, lower dollar hit world markets

LONDON (Reuters) - Weak bond prices and a declining dollar combined yesterday to savage world stock markets, with several European exchanges hitting lows for the year as billions of dollars were wiped off share values.

"The extent of the decline today is very, very surprising," said Roger Barker, a stock strategist at the London branch of Swiss bank UBS.

The German, French, Belgian and Swiss stock markets hit 1994 lows, with the London market collapsing below the key 3,000 level on the Financial Times/Stock Ex-

change (FTSE) Index of 100 leading British shares.

The Frankfurt bourse unexpectedly crashed through 2,000 points on the DAX Index for the first time since last October in a four percent decline, and the Paris bourse slid through the 1,900 level on the CAC 40 Index of shares.

Sentiment in Europe was hardly helped by Wall Street's opening, as the key US market fell by nearly 1% in reaction partly to the previous decline in overseas markets.

Earlier in the day Tokyo and Hong Kong, Asia's major markets, plunged by over 1%.

But the worst of the decline in Europe was over by early afternoon. The London market, Europe's biggest, managed to claw back some of its losses as Wall Street gradually crawled up from its lows.

But dealers in London still feared prices could decline further, as most big investors were shying away from stocks until they were convinced that the current decline was over.

Many traders feared the market was locked into a downward spiral unless buyers stepped in soon.

"It is dangerous because senti-

ment feeds upon sentiment," said one dealer. "It could go down much further. Volume dries up and market-makers cut prices, trying to lure investors back into the market."

Analysts said stocks were at the mercy of bond markets as the high yield on bonds, provided by falling prices, made them attractive to investors compared to the return on shares.

The influential US bond market started its latest sharp decline on Friday due to inflation fears raised by surging commodity prices, a weak dollar and the release of a

report showing rising confidence among US consumers.

US Treasury bond prices fell further yesterday, with the yield on long-dated bonds rising to 7.48% from 7.45% on Friday.

Dealers said there was also no good news on the dollar front, with the US currency continuing its decline yesterday by falling through the 1.60-mark level. It later managed to climb back to just above that.

Inflation fears were also stoked by industrial metals testing new highs.

## License issued to Commercial Bank of Palestine

JOSE ROSENFELD and news agencies

BANK of Israel Supervisor of Banks Ze'ev Abeles yesterday issued a license to the Commercial Bank of Palestine, which will be opening its first branch in Ramallah next month.

The private bank, with capital of 10 million Jordanian dinars (\$14 million), was established by several hundred Palestinian investors, mostly from the territories, headed by Ramallah businessman Suhail Jadoun.

At the licensing ceremony at the civil administration's offices in Beit-El, Abeles noted the many changes that have taken place in the relationship between Israel and the territories and hoped a new era of economic cooperation was opening which will contribute to the population's welfare.

He said Israel did all it could to help broaden and develop the banking system in the territories.

However, he added, the rate of progress was not only dependent on Israel. There were impediments created by the intifada and by the Jordanian banking authorities.

"We have obtained a license from the PLO first, and now we are getting it from the Israeli cen-

tral bank," said Jadoun. Jadoun said the licensing process took more than a year. The bank plans to open two branches in the Palestinian self-rule areas of Gaza and Jericho.

Bank of Israel officials said there are several license applications pending to open bank branches in the territories. The Arab Bank, one of the largest interested in opening branches in the territories, has also applied.

However, according to Israeli officials, Jordan is holding up the licensing. The Arab Bank, which is headquartered in Amman, has more than 60 branches worldwide.

Abeles said Israel will pursue cooperation with banks in Gaza, Jericho and in the territories. At this stage, Israeli banks are providing technical support to the Palestinian and Jordanian banks operating in the territories.

However, Abeles said he hopes cooperation will also extend to financial matter in the future.

Two Jordanian banks - the Cairo-Amman Bank and the Bank of Jordan - already operate branches in the territories. In addition, the Gaza-based Bank of Palestine, recently opened a branch in Jericho.

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

**US trucking firm wins tender to supply IDF:** An American trucking firm, Freightliner, has won a tender, via the local importer Colmobile, to supply freight trucks for the IDF. The other two companies which competed in the tender were GM-Volvo and International-Navistar. Freightliner's \$40 million contract with the IDF will be signed next week in New York at the Defense Ministry's mission.

The firm's FLC-112 trucks will replace all the Mercedes and Mann freight trucks presently in use by the IDF. Under the contract, Freightliner will supply some 500 trucks for the IDF over the next five years. The deal will be financed with funds from foreign aid. The trucks will be sent here in parts and will be assembled in Nazareth.

**Lufthansa to serve wine from Golan Heights Winery:** German's Lufthansa airline has signed a DM 140,000 (NIS 266,000) agreement to serve wine produced by Golan Heights Winery on all its flights worldwide.

According to the agreement, Golan will serve Yarden Cabernet Sauvignon to its business class passengers. Golan said the agreement marks the first time locally manufactured wine is served by a foreign airline. El Al also serves Golan wines.

**Accountants to discuss advertising ban:** The Institute of Certified Public Accountants plans to hold a discussion on the advertising ban placed on accountants, as well as management and business representation restrictions. The accountants emphasized that advertising restrictions have been lifted in the US and many other countries.

**60 local agents set to participate in \$1m. conference in US:** More than 60 local insurance agents plan to take part in the Million Dollar Round Table conference in the US.

The conference is for life insurance agents with an annual turnover of more than \$1 million.

## WORLD BRIEFS

**Philip Morris chairman quits abruptly:** The head of Philip Morris Co. abruptly quit over the weekend in a stunning shake-up at the nation's biggest tobacco concern. Chairman and chief executive Michael Miles, a veteran of the company's food business who has been criticized by tobacco partisans for being unresponsive to attacks on the cigarette industry, is being replaced by two executives with long experience on the tobacco side of the business. *Los Angeles Times*

**British Steel forges back into profit, challenges EU aid grant:** British Steel Plc yesterday forged back into profit in 1993/94 after two years of losses and launched a legal action against the European Commission to overturn approval for state aid to Italian and Spanish firms.

The company reported a pre-tax profit of £80 million for the year ended April 2 after a £149m. loss the previous year and £55m. the year before. *Reuters*

**Anheuser-Busch enters joint venture in China:** Anheuser-Busch Co. Inc., the biggest brewer in the world, has agreed to enter into a joint venture in China to produce its flagship Budweiser beer in the world's most populous country, the company said. *Reuters*

## Settlers: No land for Trans-Israel road without full compensation

SETTLER leaders yesterday vowed to oppose any attempt at expropriating land for the Trans-Israel Highway unless full compensation is worked out in advance.

"We will not allow anyone to interfere with the rights of the settlers to their land," Simha Assaf, secretary-general of the Agricultural Center, said at a Tel Aviv press conference yesterday. "We will oppose expropriation of farm land without full compensation."

The Fogel commission is to decide on the matter tomorrow. Assaf said the press conference was called to respond to "the campaign of incitement and slander regarding the land being carried out by elements in the government opposed to the farmers."

Speakers at the conference termed the campaign an effort to destroy agriculture in Israel. They added that the state had an economic and public duty to defend the rights of farmers, who had worked and guarded the land for almost a hundred years.

The farmers made the following suggestions regarding any possible change of use of agricultural land:

- Change of use be carried out in accordance with national planning and the needs of the state and at government initiative. Implementation of the change should be done only with the agreement of the settlement.

- Change of use be carried out with Clause 3A of Decision 611, including giving compensation of 25% of the land's value after

change of use based on the results of a tender and with agricultural compensation added.

- Regarding construction for industry or tourism, Clause 18 in the lease contract be voided, and Decision 441 of the Israel Lands Administration approved. The requirement for the settlement to be controlled by a corporation would thus be canceled.

- The maximum percentage of a settlement whose use can be changed be predetermined, and a certain percentage of the compensation in land used to solve peripheral kibbutzim's debt and development problems. These agreements will be brought for government approval and included in the contract between the state and the settlement movements. (Itim)

## Industry awards announced

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

THE Manufacturers Association yesterday announced the five recipients of its annual industry prizes.

The winners are Luxembourg Industries, Phoenixia America-Israel, Taal Manufacturers of Plywood, Polgat Industries and Shefa Protein Industries.

Luxembourg Industries chairman Avraham Luxembourg was chosen for the Pinhas Sapir award for his contribution to the development of the local chemical industry and the Negev, growth of the Arab-based firm and absorption of new immigrants.

Oded Tira, president of Phoenixia America-Israel, won the Israel Lichtenstein prize for his contribution to the development of the local glass industry, successful turnaround of Phoenixia and introduction of new technologies.

Zeev Frenkel, managing director of Taal, was chosen to receive the Elihu Promchenko award for his activities in the wood industry and for his management and marketing skills.

Mordecai Baron, managing director of Polgat, is to receive the Zalman Suzab Prize for his suc-



Shefa Protein managing director Ronit Sclar wins Ida Zeidler prize.

cessful restructuring of Polgat and public work.

Ronit Sclar, managing director of Shefa Protein, was chosen for the Ida Zeidler prize for her contribution to the development of the company, initiative, management skills, relationship with the workers and public work.

The prizes are to be awarded next Tuesday.

## El Al opposes sale to private investor

EVELYN GORDON

BOTH workers and management object to selling a controlling stake in El Al to a private investor, the Knesset economics committee was told yesterday.

The committee was discussing the government's plan to privatize the airline.

In the first stage, it will sell 51 percent of the shares on the stock market, either here or abroad, but it has not yet decided whether to do with the remaining 49%.

The Treasury favors finding a strategic investor, but the Transport Ministry is opposed, for fear of damage to workers' rights.

Workers' representatives seconded this fear to the committee yesterday, arguing that a private investor would be interested in making money at the expense of their rights.

El Al managing director Rafi Harlev added that a private investor might be more interested in playing financial games than in serving national goals.

However, MK Gideon Saguy (Labor), who initiated the discussion, disagreed.

"A controlling stake is necessary by reality," he said. "The

company needs to be owned by someone... [Otherwise], foreign companies are likely to take over the company."

Harlev also said it was crucial for the government to cover El Al's \$55 million in annual security costs.

Currently, the government pays for some 77% of these outlays, though the proportion drops continually, since El Al covers 100% of the costs for new routes.

However, no decision has been made as to what will happen once the airline is sold.

"The company will stand or fall on the issue of security expenses," Harlev said. "No other company in the world is forced to pay security expenses, because there is no other country that doesn't rely on the security services [supplied by other airports]."

Israel, however, maintains some 1,500 airline security officers overseas, accounting for about 97% of El Al's annual security costs.

Eitan Sapir, deputy director-

general of the Government Companies Authority, told the MKs that despite the "golden share" in El Al which the government intends to keep, the company's board will be given freedom to decide whether to continue the policy of not flying on Shabbat.

However, Yossi Abadi, the authority's legal adviser, insisted this did not mean the policy would necessarily be changed.

Because observant Jews are a large market for the company, he said, business considerations might make it worthwhile for El Al not to fly on Shabbat, just as many food companies find it worthwhile to pay for kosher certificates.

Harlev said he expected a rough draft of a prospectus to be ready this summer.

Doron Shorer, director-general of the Transport Ministry, said other prerequisites for privatization - such as transferring government-owned planes to El Al and removing the company from receivership - would hopefully be completed by the end of the year.

At that point, Shorer said, the government would need to decide where and how to issue the stock.

## Finance committee approves NIS 400m. in gov't guarantees for loans to industries

EVELYN GORDON

THE Knesset finance committee yesterday approved an additional NIS 400 million in government guarantees for loans to industries.

It also reduced the fee for the guarantees from 1.5 percent to 1%, since a recent amendment to the Law for Encouraging Investment has reduced the state's risk from 100% to between 75% and 85%, depending on the purpose of the loan.

Finally, it agreed that the guarantees could be used to cover overdrafts as well as long-term loans, since this is sometimes a more efficient way for businesses to borrow working capital.

In other news, the committee also decided yesterday that transferring money from regular provident funds to insurance funds should be tax-free.

The Industry and Trade Ministry asked for the additional NIS 400m., because it has already allocated the full NIS 1.6 billion it was granted for this purpose since 1990.

The companies to whom the guarantees were given, however, have so far taken out only NIS 550m. worth of loans.

Moshe Cohen, president of the High-Tech Industries Association, complained to the committee that the government's conditions on repaying the guaranteed loans have made it impossible for many businesses to do so.

For instance, he said, instead of giving a three-year grace period on all loans, the grace period for supplementary loans starts from the date of the original loan, and is therefore often much less than three years.

Cohen also complained that loans for working capital had to be repaid within three to four years from the end of the grace period - which isn't enough time for many companies, he charged - and that the guarantees are canceled if they haven't been used in three years.

Cohen suggested that companies be given an extra year if they have used at least 50% of the guarantees in three years, so funds are not cut off in the middle of a planned investment.

Committee chairman Gedalya Gai (Labor) said he would ask the Treasury and the Industry Ministry whether these changes were possible.

However, other MKs were less sympathetic.

"I'm against all his proposals," said Meir Sheerit (Likud), saying that if companies couldn't meet the repayment terms, they shouldn't take the loans. "It's intolerable that in Israel, nothing is finished according to the law."

"[Cohen] may be right, but he needs to apply to the government," added Dan Tichon (Likud). "This isn't our business."

## Avital quits Pepsi-Tempo to head Cable Television

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

PEPSI-TEMPO general manager Reuven Avital announced yesterday he will resign at the end of the summer to become president of Cable Television.

Cable Television, which broadcasts in Haifa, Netanya, Hadera and Galilee, also offered Avital responsibility for its international activities. Media reports said Avital's resignation two years after his appointment is due to ongoing disputes between the company's owners, which hindered his ability to manage Pepsi.

Tempo's spokesman denied the reports, while the owners could not be reached for comment. "Avital decided to leave because he got a better offer from Cable Television," he said.

Avital is the second manager to resign from Pepsi-Tempo since it acquired rights to market Pepsi here two years ago.

Tempo reported a first quarter net loss of NIS 5.6 million, compared with a net loss of NIS 413,000 for the same period last year.

## ISRAEL MONEY MARKETS

Patah (foreign currency deposit rates) (21.6.94)				
Currency (deposit term)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS	Rep.
U.S. dollar (\$250,000)	3.75	4.125	4.625	3.350
U.S. dollar (\$100,000)	3.500	3.750	4.000	3.150
U.S. dollar (\$50,000)	3.250	3.500	3.750	2.950
U.S. dollar (\$20,000)	3.000	3.250	3.500	2.750
U.S. dollar (\$10,000)	2.750	3.000	3.250	2.550
Yen (10 million yen)	0.500	0.625	0.750	1.000

(Rates vary higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)

Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates* (20.6.94)				
Currency	Buy	Sell	Buy	Sell
U.S. dollar	3.3228	3.3530	3.3228	3.3530
U.S. dollar	3.0228	3.0728	3.0228	3.0728
German mark	1.8872	1.9138	1.8872	1.9138
French franc	4.0594	4.1294	4.0594	4.1294
Japanese yen (100)	0.8571	0.8659	0.8571	0.8659
Dutch florin	2.8646	2.9094	2.8646	2.9094
Swiss franc	1.6849	1.7086	1.6849	1.7086
Swedish krona	0.3903	0.3989	0.3903	0.3989
Norwegian krone	0.4338	0.4396	0.4338	0.4396
Denmark krone	0.4628	0.4676	0.4628	0.4676
Finnish mark	0.6542	0.6628	0.6542	0.6628
Canadian dollar	2.1772	2.2078	2.1772	2.2078
Australian dollar	2.2443	2.2759	2.2443	2.2759
S. African rand	0.6330	0.6471	0.6330	0.6471
Belgian franc (10)	0.9182	0.9371	0.9182	0.9371
Austrian schilling (10)	2.0946	2.1224	2.0946	2.1224
Italian lire (100)	1.9129	1.9398	1.9129	1.9398
Jordanian dinar	—	—	—	—
Egyptian pound	—	—	—	—
Irish punt	3.6224	3.6734	3.6224	3.6734
Spanish peseta (100)	4.0504	4.0946	4.0504	4.0946
Spanish peseta (100)	2.2768	2.3069	2.2768	2.3069

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## NEW YORK STOCK MARKETS

## New York market indexes

Index	Last	Change
DJ Industrial	2971.1	-51.8
DJ Transportation	1540.0	-11.0
DJ Utility	180.3	-1.1
DJ Average	2971.1	-51.8
NYSE Composite	2971.1	-51.8
NYSE Midcap	2971.1	-51.8
NYSE Smallcap	2971.1	-51.8
NYSE Microcap	2971.1	-51.8
NYSE Biotech	2971.1	-51.8
NYSE Energy	2971.1	-51.8
NYSE Financial	2971.1	-51.8
NYSE Health Care	2971.1	-51.8
NYSE Industrial	2971.1	-51.8
NYSE Technology	2971.1	-51.8
NYSE Telecom	2971.1	-51.8
NYSE Transportation	2971.1	-51.8
NYSE Utility	2971.1	-51.8
NYSE Average	2971.1	-51.8

## Other stock market indexes

Index	Last	Change
FTSE 100	2971.1	-51.8
Nikkei 225	1540.0	-11.0
DAX	180.3	-1.1
Hang Seng	2971.1	-51.8
ASX	2971.1	-51.8

## Israeli stocks in NY

Stock	Last	Change
Bank Leumi	2971.1	-51.8
Bank Hapoalim	2971.1	-51.8
Bank Mizrahi	2971.1	-51.8
Bank Leumi	2971.1	-51.8
Bank Hapoalim	2971.1	-51.8
Bank Mizrahi	2971.1	-51.8

## NASDAQ over-the-counter

Stock	Last	Change
Amazon	2971.1	-51.8
Microsoft	2971.1	-51.8
Apple	2971.1	-51.8
Oracle	2971.1	-51.8
Sun	2971.1	-51.8
IBM	2971.1	-51.8

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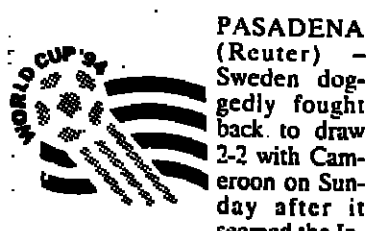
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# Cameroon shares spoils with Sweden

Sub's 85th-minute goal lifts Norway past Mexico



PASADENA (Reuters) — Sweden doggedly fought back to draw 2-2 with Cameroon on Sunday after it seemed the Indomitable Lions were about to start another World Cup safari with a well-deserved victory.

The Group B game swung first Sweden's way, then Cameroon's and finally back to the Europeans in a match that the Africans dominated for most of the second half, although Sweden never stopped battling.

The result ended Sweden's run of five successive defeats in finals matches stretching back to 1974, but although the match never quite lived up to expectations, there were plenty of thrills for another huge crowd watching in the Californian sunshine.

Cameroon came from behind to lead with goals from David Embe after 31 minutes and Francois Omam-Biyik two minutes after halftime.

Sweden had gone ahead in the eighth minute when left-back Roger Ljung headed in unmarked at the far post from a Jonas Thern free-kick.

It seemed that Ljung's first goal for his country for five years was going to pave the way for their first victory in the World Cup for 20 years, but Cameroon had other ideas and gradually forced their way back into the match.

But they threw away two points by taking their eye off the Swedish forwards for just about the only time in the second half.

Sweden's equalizer came 15 minutes from time when substitute Henrik Larsson cracked the ball against the bar, and Martin Dahlin chested down the rebound before lashing the shot past Joseph-Antoine Bell.

Both teams went close to winning the match in the later stages. Cameroon's best chance came after 68 minutes when Omam-Biyik forced his way through the Swedish defense, but lost his balance after rounding Ravelli and failed to get his shot in.

Sweden also went close to a winner after equalizing when Dahlin and Brodin combined well with Brodin's low shot from the edge of the area forcing Bell into a fine save.



LION ON THE LOOSE — Cameroon's Francois Omam-Biyik (7) puts the ball past Sweden's goalkeeper Thomas Ravelli to score the Indomitable Lions' second goal. (AP)

Cameroon coach Henri Michel was asked why he did not bring on 42-year-old substitute Roger Milla. Cameroon's hero of the 1990 finals.

"Roger Milla is to be considered one of the 22 players in the squad, always available in times of certain need. He's a kind of joker, a trump card. He hasn't done as much training as the other players because he has been injured."

Norway beat the sweltering conditions and their tough Mexican opposition with an 85th-minute goal from substitute Kjetil Rekdal in a Group E

clash at RFK Memorial Stadium in Washington, DC.

Rekdal struck when striker Jan Aage Fjorseth burst between two defenders as Norway raised their challenge late in the game and the ball ran free.

He collected the ball and fired in from 10 meters to secure a 1-0 win and Norway then survived a scramble in the final minute when Mexico's Luis Alvarado headed the ball against a post and the rebound was scrambled off the line.

Norway dominated much of the game, but finally owed their survival to goalkeeper Erik Thorstved who made two fine saves late in the second half

after his opposite number Jorge Campos had earlier kept Mexico alive.

The two contrasting goalkeepers, one tall and fair, the other dark and kitted out in a garish fluorescent yellow, were the dominating players in a festive atmosphere reminiscent of the 1986 Mexico finals.

Most of the crowd, in green shirts, showed their obvious support for the Latin American team and celebrated their side's attacking play with the 'hola' or Mexican wave, but in the end neither team had anything tangible to enjoy.

It was Norway's first victory in the World Cup finals and came 56 years after their last match in the finals in 1938 when they were beaten by Italy, whom they now meet in East Rutherford on Thursday.

"We were lucky to win. It was a much harder game than we expected it to be. We did not think it would be as tough as this. But I expect Italy will be even tougher."

## World Cup at a Glance

(all times Israel)

Sunday's results:

B — Cameroon 2, Sweden 2 (Pasadena)

E — Norway 1, Mexico 0 (DC)

F — Belgium 1, Morocco 0 (Orlando)

Last night's scheduled games:

B — Brazil-Russia (Stanford)

F — Netherlands-Saudi Arabia (DC)

Tonight/tomorrow:

D — Argentina-Greece 19:30 (Foxboro)

C — Germany-Spain 23:00 (Chicago)

D — Nigeria-Bulgaria 02:30 (Dallas)

# Hakeem stops final shot, leads Houston to Game 7



HOUSTON (AP) — For Hakeem Olajuwon, the defensive player of the year, it may have been the biggest play of his career.

With just two seconds left in Sunday night's Game 6, New York's John Starks launched a 3-point attempt that could have given the Knicks the NBA championship.

Instead, Olajuwon got his outstretched hand on the ball to tip it away and secure Houston's 86-84 victory, tying the NBA Finals 3-3 and setting up Game 7 Wednesday night in Houston. The game will be televised live at 4:00 Thursday morning on Cable TV's Sports Channel 5.

"Just a piece of it, that's all you need," said the Nigeria-born Olajuwon, a former soccer goalie. "It's not surprising." Houston coach Rudy Tomjanovich said of Olajuwon's play, "He's done it so many times. He gets out there with those quick hands."

"Hakeem just made a great play to get the block," added Knicks coach Pat Riley. "Starks just couldn't get it over his hand."

Olajuwon had 30 points, including eight in the fourth quarter, to lead all scorers. His 10 rebounds tied him with Otis Thorpe as the Rockets' high men off the boards, and he added in four blocked shots and two assists.

He also played the final six minutes with five fouls and convinced Tomjanovich to leave him in despite the risk he could foul out down the stretch.

"That's a coaching decision," Tomjanovich said. "We've talked about it before when he wants to stay in the game. I've told him: 'You've got to control yourself.' He wanted to go on. I could tell by looking in his eyes."

Riley said he did not consider going after Olajuwon in hopes of getting the sixth foul.

"He's not going to pick up a foul," Riley said. "He's smart enough to know. Great players are going to stay on the floor. He's probably give up a hoop in exchange."

It started out as Kenny Smith's horrible series. But it turned terrif-

ic with one flick of the wrist that sent a 3-pointer through the hoop and helped Houston stay alive. His shot, launched from the top of the key with 3:19 left, gave Houston an 84-77 lead.

But the Knicks were far from done as Starks, who had 16 points in the fourth quarter, hit a basket with 1:33 left and a 3-pointer 20 seconds later to make it 84-82. Houston didn't score on its next possession, but Olajuwon stole a pass by Starks, was fouled by Patrick Ewing and made two free throws with 39 seconds remaining. He was a perfect 8-for-8 from the free-throw line.

Anthony Mason's 12-footer with 32 seconds left brought New York back within two and a long jumper by Smith as the shot clock wound down went in and out.

And then came Starks' attempt with 7.6 seconds.

Starks finished with 27 points and Ewing had 17 points and 15 rebounds.

Now Houston has the home-court advantage that New York seized by winning the previous two games.

Home teams have won the last 19 Game 7s.

# Sampras bids for 'Re-Pete'

WIMBLEDON (AP) — Pete Sampras served 25 aces as he opened his bid for a second consecutive Wimbledon title with a straight-set victory yesterday over fellow American Jared Palmer.

The top-seeded Sampras, who saved two set points in the first set, posted a 7-6(7-4), 7-5, 6-3 victory on a cool, cloudy — but rain-free — day at the All England Club.

Three other former Wimbledon champions — Andre Agassi, Boris Becker and Stefan Edberg — also advanced.

As befits the reigning men's champion, Sampras opened play on the slick grass of Centre Court. He marked the occasion by unveiling his new look for Wimbledon — long, white baggy shorts.

Agassi, the 1992 Wimbledon champ who was also attired in baggy shorts, outplayed rising Italian star Andrea Gaudenzi 6-2, 6-7(7-3), 6-3, 6-2 in an animated Centre Court match.

Becker, a three-time Wimbledon champion who is seeded No. 7, showed no effects of recent injuries as he swept past David Wheatley 6-2, 6-4, 6-3.

Two-time champion Edberg was a 6-2, 7-6(7-3), 6-4 winner over South African qualifier Ellis Ferreira. Edberg came back from 1-5 down in the second set.

French Open champion and No. 8 seed Sergi Bruguera, playing at Wimbledon for the first time since 1990, beat British wild card Barry Cowan 6-2, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3.

No. 10 Michael Chang was the first men's seed to advance to the second round as he beat Alberto Costa of Spain 7-6(7-2), 6-4, 6-2. No. 11 Petr Korda of the Czech Republic downed John Fitzgerald of Australia 6-2, 6-1, 6-4.

In women's matches, No. 6 Ki-



NEW BAG OF TRACKS — Pete Sampras, in fashionable baggy pants, stretches to reach a shot from Jared Palmer. (AP)

miko Date beat Japanese compatriot Ai Sugiyama 6-3, 7-6(7-0). No. 11 Mary Joe Fernandez defeated Karina Habsudova of Slovakia 6-4, 6-2; and No. 14 Amanda Coetzer of South Africa posted a 6-4, 6-0 win over Elena Likhovtseva of Kazakhstan.

Before play began on Centre Court, Rod Laver was presented with a crystal vase to commemorate the 25th anniversary of his second Grand Slam.

Top-seeded Steffi Graf of Germany opens her bid for a fourth straight Wimbledon title today.

# Els wins US Open in sudden death

OAKMONT, Pa. (AP) — Ernie Els won the US Open yesterday, beating Loren Roberts with a par on the second hole of a sudden death playoff.

Els, a 24-year-old South African, and Roberts each played the scheduled 18-hole playoff in 3-over-par 74, sending the Open to sudden death.

Colin Montgomerie shot a 78 in the three-way playoff and was eliminated from the sudden death format.

Both Els and Roberts made par on the 19th hole of the day and the 91st of the tournament.

On the 11th hole, Roberts drove into the rough, put his next in a bunker and came out to about 20 feet. He flipped out the par putt.

Els, who put his approach some 18 feet to the left of the hole, ran his birdie attempt about 3 feet long, but made the comebacker for the most important victory of his young career.

The victory marked a remarkable comeback for Els, who opened the 18-hole playoff by going 4-over-par over the first two holes with a bogey and triple bogey.

He pulled even with Roberts in the generally shabby play over the front nine, lost a share of the lead from a bunker on the 12th, then regained it when Roberts three-putted the 16th.

Both birdied the 17th and Roberts sent it to sudden death with a 10-foot par-saving putt on the 18th

hole.

Montgomerie, from Scotland, took himself out of it with a 42 over the front nine before finishing with a 7-over 78.

A combination of weariness caused by 90°F heat, an extremely tough course and the nerves common to US Open playoffs produced poor results in the early going of the playoff.

Els became the first non-American to win the Open since Australian David Graham managed the feat in 1981. He also became the third foreign-born player to win the Open since 1927.

The first three-man Open playoff since 1963 was set up Sunday when all three completed the regulation 72 holes at 5-under 279.

# Netanya cricketers gather no Moss

Post Sports Staff

IN one of the most devastating pieces of fast bowling ever seen on the local cricket pitches, Alan Moss of Tel Aviv/Jerusalem tore apart aspirant league-takers Netanya. Moss was virtually unplayable, aided by five brilliant catches in the close-in fielding positions.

A second highlight of the week-end's play was a third wicket partnership of 144 between Ramla's Nissim Reuben and Rafi Samson against DiMona A.

Tel Aviv/Jerusalem 95 (D. Alexander 37, D. Bloom 3/4) beat Netanya 67 (Alan Moss 13.5/24.8).

Ramla 195/5 (Nissim Reuben 104 n.o., Rafi Samson 49) beat DiMona A 130.

Lions 145 (Shimon Raj 4/39, Arye Raj 3/27) lost to Nevel Yonatan 147/6 (Neil Ward 53 n.o., Joey Tai 3/26).

Petah Tikva 104 (Joel Salankar 5/56) lost to Ashdod A 107/1 (Asher Wagladkar 66, Gershon Waskar 34 n.o.).

## SCOREBOARD

ATHLETICS — Alex Bazarova finished second in the 400-m hurdles in Lisbon on Saturday. The Israeli ran the course in 58.64 behind winner Pedro Rodriguez of Portugal in 58.00 (10m).

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# England in dramatic draw

LONDON (AP) — New Zealand went agonisingly close to leveling the series yesterday as England escaped with a thrilling draw with two wickets to spare on the final day of the second Test at Lord's.

Tail-enders Steven Rhodes and Paul Taylor hung on for the last seven overs with seven men around the bat in catching position, to see England to 254 for eight, well short of the improbable target of 407.

After the umpires conferred over deteriorating light, captain Ken Rutherford was not allowed to use his quicker bowlers and was confined to using spinners Matthew Hart and Shane Thomson.

This meant he couldn't use his best bowler, Dion Nash, who completed a magnificent match to become the first player to take ten wickets and score a half century in a Test at Lord's.

When Michael Owens trapped Phil DeFreitas leg before wicket with the score at 244, New Zealand still had time to take the last three wickets.

Wicket keeper Rhodes and Angus Fraser held out until Fraser was out leg before wicket to Hart for two, with seven overs to go.

Taylor defended grimly and faced 24 balls without scoring while Rhodes made his 24 not out off 114 balls in 129 tense minutes.

Nash finished with five for 93, for match figures of 11 for 169, including the vital wickets of captain Mike Atherton and Graham Gooch in the third over of the day.

Atherton's opening partner Alec Stewart, with a superb 119, saved the match.

England gave up the run chase after the early wickets, and Stewart set out to occupy the crease and take up time, while not ignoring the opportunity to play some fine shots, including 20 fours.

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# England in dramatic draw

LONDON (AP) — New Zealand went agonisingly close to leveling the series yesterday as England escaped with a thrilling draw with two wickets to spare on the final day of the second Test at Lord's.

Tail-enders Steven Rhodes and Paul Taylor hung on for the last seven overs with seven men around the bat in catching position, to see England to 254 for eight, well short of the improbable target of 407.

After the umpires conferred over deteriorating light, captain Ken Rutherford was not allowed to use his quicker bowlers and was confined to using spinners Matthew Hart and Shane Thomson.

This meant he couldn't use his best bowler, Dion Nash, who completed a magnificent match to become the first player to take ten wickets and score a half century in a Test at Lord's.

When Michael Owens trapped Phil DeFreitas leg before wicket with the score at 244, New Zealand still had time to take the last three wickets.

Wicket keeper Rhodes and Angus Fraser held out until Fraser was out leg before wicket to Hart for two, with seven overs to go.

Taylor defended grimly and faced 24 balls without scoring while Rhodes made his 24 not out off 114 balls in 129 tense minutes.

Nash finished with five for 93, for match figures of 11 for 169, including the vital wickets of captain Mike Atherton and Graham Gooch in the third over of the day.

Atherton's opening partner Alec Stewart, with a superb 119, saved the match.

England gave up the run chase after the early wickets, and Stewart set out to occupy the crease and take up time, while not ignoring the opportunity to play some fine shots, including 20 fours.

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# MKs back away from voting on direct election of PM

THE showdown on the fate of the direct election of prime ministers law appeared to be postponed yesterday, as two MKs who had planned to put bills to a vote tomorrow withdrew them, and two others seemed likely to follow suit.

Yigal Bibi (NRP) and Naomi Chazan (Meretz) decided to postpone the vote in preliminary reading on their private members bills for a week. Limor Livnat (Likud) said she would probably announce her decision to postpone the vote today, while a Meretz spokesperson said Avraham Poraz would also withhold his bill.

Meanwhile, the Likud faction has decided to allow its MKs to vote according to their conscience when the bills are put to a vote.

Likud Party Chairman Binyamin Netanyahu said he supported the direct election of prime ministers law but added that the reform would not be complete until additional legislation was passed balancing the powers of the executive and the legislature.

The Labor faction postponed its scheduled discussion of the law in response to a motion by MKs Dalia Itzik and Eli Goldschmidt, who said that the public would interpret the debate as part of a power struggle between groups within the party instead of a substantive airing of a vital issue.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres strenuously denied that his opposition to two government amendments strengthening the direct

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election of prime ministers law had anything to do with his old rivalry with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. The direct election law had to be balanced by legislation establishing regional parliamentary elections, he said. "I am deeply concerned about democracy in Israel," Peres added.

In a related development, a Labor MK criticized Avraham Burg for raising the issue last week, at a time when relations within the party were already badly strained. The MK accused Burg of doing so to get back at Rabin for the "let them sweat" comment he made before announcing the appointment of Ephraim Sneh as health

minister. Two days before the announcement, Rabin said the four candidates for the job, including Burg, could sweat it out over the weekend before hearing his choice.

Yigal Bibi (NRP), whose proposal calls for postponing implementation of the direct election law until elections for the Fifteenth Knesset, said he wanted more time to mobilize support for his bill.

Chazan raised her bill, which is identical to Bibi's, at a Meretz faction meeting yesterday. She asked to continue the discussion next week because two ministers whom she says support her proposal — Shulamit Aloni and Yair Tzaban — are out of the country.

Chazan, who would like to revoke the law altogether, warned that it posed a threat to democracy because it would undermine the system of checks and balances which currently restrains the government's power.

Liav's bill calls for the establishment of a special parliamentary committee to approve the appointment of key public officeholders.

Poraz's initiative is the only one aimed at strengthening the current law. It calls for allowing the prime minister to appoint his own ministers without parliamentary approval, and establishes a mechanism enabling the Knesset to express no-confidence in an individual cabinet appointee.

## Dismissals expected for dozens of top Histadrut officials

Leadership convention put off two weeks

MICHAEL YUDELMAN

PRIME Minister Yitzhak Rabin has known for several weeks that Ram leader MK Haim Ramon intends to dismiss dozens of senior Histadrut officials for political reasons once he controls the organization, and probably supports him, outgoing secretary-general Haim Haberfeld charged yesterday.

Ramon's plans for these dismissals contradict statements made repeatedly by other Ram leaders, as well as understandings reached in the talks between Ram and Labor leaders. Even yesterday, Labor's Knesset faction leaders reiterated that there would be no dismissals on a political basis and no disqualifications of candidates based on their personal affiliations.

Commenting on Ramon's threat, made at Ram's founding conference the previous night, that as soon as he enters the Histadrut he would get rid of Haberfeld and his supporters, Haberfeld said that dozens of heads at the labor federation would roll when Ram takes over.

"Ramon has decided to eliminate the jobs of dozens of senior Histadrut officials, not only mine but in the executive bureau, the executive committee, Hanoar Haoved, labor councils throughout the country, Mishan and others," Haberfeld said.

He added that Ramon, who had told Ram's leadership of his intention several weeks ago, also advised the prime minister "and I assume the two of them reached an understanding about it."

The Histadrut leadership will be passed to Ramon at the Histadrut convention, now due to take place between July 5 and 12, according

to the ruling of the Histadrut's judiciary authority yesterday morning.

The judiciary authority determined that scheduling the convention for the end of this month was in violation of the Histadrut's constitution and ruled that the executive committee, due to meet this Thursday, must set the convention date a week to two weeks after June 28, the original date.

Rabin, however, at Sunday's central committee meeting, warned that if the convention does not take place on June 28, he would move to appoint a receiver for Kupat Holim Clalit, which would be tantamount to "sentencing it to death."

Ramon reacted sharply to the decision to postpone the convention, branding it as "yet another attempt by Haberfeld and his friends to put off transferring power in the Histadrut." He added that the delay could be a death blow to Clalit and its members.

However, another Ram leader and head of the convention's preparatory committee, MK Ran Cohen, expressed satisfaction with the judiciary authority's decision. Cohen noted that this decision, which the Likud has also accepted, paved the way for the Likud's participation in the preparatory committee, which it had boycotted until now.

Cohen had planned to talk to Haberfeld last night about setting a date for the convention agreeable to both large factions, which would also be coordinated with the prime minister, the president and the Jerusalem International Convention Center (Binyanei Ha'uma).

## Zvilli calls on Yiud to join coalition

LABOR Party secretary-general Nissim Zvilli called on Yiud to join the coalition at Yiud's first official meeting last night.

"The door is open to you," Zvilli said at the meeting. He offered them to begin negotiations without any preconditions.

Zvilli said Yiud would need to decide if it wanted to be a part of and influence events occurring in the country, or to be left on the fringes of the political map instead.

Likud, Meretz, and NRP leaders also addressed the convention.

Yiud chairman MK Gonen Segev presented the party's basic principles at the convention last night: absolute opposition to the establishment of a Palestinian state. Israel's capital is united Jerusalem under Israeli sovereignty, and opposition to the right of return by Palestinians.

Regarding the Golan Heights, Segev said the region would remain under Israeli law and sovereignty.

Segev added that Yiud had the privilege of entering into politics when the IDF withdrawal from Gaza and Jericho had become a fact.

MK Alex Goldfarb, head of the Yiud Knesset faction, said he used to believe in the policy of "not one inch," but now, as a father of four, he saw his struggle as a search for real peace.

However, MK Esther Salmovitz expressed firm opposition to the idea of joining the coalition. "We must work for the fighting, uncompromising national opposition. We broke away from Tsomet, but we did not neglect our obligations to the national camp and to our way."



Agriculture Minister Ya'acov Tsur (right) and JNF chairman Moshe Rivlin greet participants in the International Arid Lands Conservation Workshop, which began studying the problems of desertification in Jerusalem yesterday. Representatives from China, India, Egypt, Kenya, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan and other countries came to learn methods of rolling back the desert to apply in their own countries. (Flash 90)

## Bill proposed to force government to pay for grave next to spouse

Jerusalem Post Staff

THE Knesset state control committee plans to prepare a bill forcing the government to pay for the costs of buying a grave next to that of your spouse — something that currently costs NIS 10,000 or more.

It also yesterday asked State Comptroller Miriam Ben-Porat to investigate why an Israel Lands Administration decision to allocate such grave sites to the burial societies free of charge has not been implemented.

Committee chairman David Magen (Likud) said he scheduled the discussion after a woman told him she was forced to sell her apartment to buy a grave site next to her husband's.

Although the National Insurance Institute is supposed to cover burial expenses, it pays the burial societies only NIS 2,700 per person, which is the cost of a grave with no special requests. Asking to be buried next to your spouse is.

## 15 held after dawn drug bust

DAVID RUDGE

POLICE arrested 15 suspected drug dealers and users in dawn raids on their homes in various parts of the north yesterday.

The operation followed weeks of work by an undercover agent who had met with the suspected dealers and purchased quantities of heroin. During the operation, police arrested suspects from Upper Nazareth, Kafr Kana and Tiberias, as well as the Druse villages of Julis and Yerka and Mughar.

Deputy commander of the Ha'amakim district, Reuven Ariav, said the operation was part of the ongoing crackdown against drug trafficking and dealing.

He noted that the diversity of addresses was proof that there were no borders in the drug scene.

The suspects were remanded in custody for between seven to 11 days by the Nazareth Magistrates Court yesterday.

## Adoptions abroad will have to match religion of parent and child

DAN IZENBERG

THE Knesset yesterday passed a bill in first reading regulating the procedures for adopting children abroad, after Justice Minister David Liba'i promised to include a clause preventing adults from one religion from adopting children of another.

Likud MK Limor Livnat expressed fear that the new provision would effectively prevent Israelis from adopting children from foreign countries.

Liba'i told the plenum that the additional clause was taken from the existing Adoption Law which applies to adoptions inside the country. The Adoption Law stipulates that "the adoptive parent may only belong to the same religion as the adoptee."

Liba'i originally presented the bill without the status quo clause on May 24. However, he postponed the vote because of haredi opposition. Yesterday, the bill passed by a vote of 14-0, but the three religious MKs in the chamber abstained. Avraham Ravitz (United Torah Judaism) explained that he had not voted for the bill because the clause had not been officially incorporated into it.

However, he said he believed Liba'i's promise that it would be included in the final version of the legislation.

The bill is based on an international covenant signed at the Hague last year on procedures for adopting children from foreign countries. It establishes official bodies and procedures for the adoption process.

Meanwhile, the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism announced that it would make it easier for Israeli families to adopt children abroad by establishing an "international project for the conversion of adopted children."

The movement said it would use its religious courts in Israel, Europe, South and Central America and elsewhere to facilitate the conversion of children.

"According to religious law, the process for conversion of children under the age of 13 is not tied to study or a long process but to circumcision and ritual immersion," said the movement in a written communiqué. "Therefore, the process of conversion in this case is much simpler than that of adult conversion."

## KNESSET BRIEFS

### Orr wants MKs off company boards

Labor MK Ori Orr faced tough questioning by opponents of his proposal to ban MKs from belonging to the boards of directors of commercial companies during a House committee meeting. Committee chairman Hagai Merom, who supports the proposal, said he would expedite its passage through the committee.

### Temporary child health insurance defeated

Both the coalition and opposition mobilized all their forces for the final vote on a temporary bill providing medical insurance for all children currently not covered by the health funds. The government, which opposed the bill because of its cost and the fact that the national health insurance law has been passed, won the showdown by 29 votes to 26.

### Sick leave allowed to care for parents

The labor and social affairs committee approved secondary legislation for a law allowing employees to take sick leave six days a year to care for a parent. The regulations include provisions to ensure that only one child takes sick leave for that purpose at a time.

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## AIDS test for surgeon's patients

JUDY SIEGEL

PATIENTS of a surgeon at Rehovot's Kaplan Hospital, who is in intensive care with symptoms that may result from AIDS, will be invited to undergo tests for HIV antibodies, the Health Ministry said yesterday.

The ministry insisted that even if the unnamed physician is a carrier or ill with full-blown AIDS, the possibility that he infected any patients is virtually nil.

The doctor was hospitalized last

week with acute pneumonia, of a form characteristic of AIDS patients. He declined to undergo a test for AIDS, arguing that six months ago he had been tested and found free of HIV antibodies. AIDS usually takes years for full-blown symptoms of infection with HIV, but in rare cases, symptoms can appear soon after infection.

The doctor reportedly had operated on many patients at Kaplan, in a Kupat Holim Clalit clinic and in the IDF during reserve duty.

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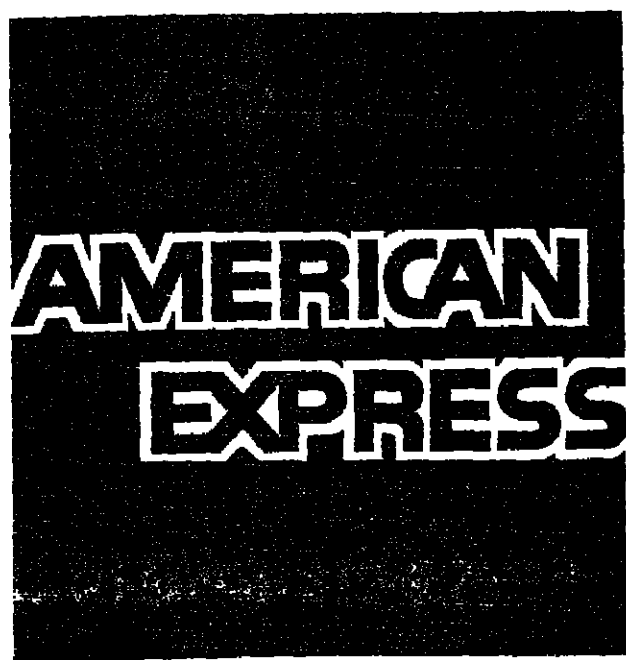
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